

LaGuardia, Council Agree on Economy

Council Meeting Hints At More Slashes in Vital Social Needs

By Harry Raymond
The 1940-1941 City Council met in its first session yesterday and heard both Mayor LaGuardia and Democratic Majority Leader John Cashmore agree on a program of stringent economy in city spending that would seriously slow up and hamper social services.

"I beg you on bended knee," the Mayor said in his message, "not to send any legislation across the hall that carries with it expenditures or entails additional charges on our treasury."

Speaking for the two Republican members, Joseph Clark Baldwin agreed with the Mayor and Mr. Cashmore by calling for "reduction of the budget and taxes."

Minority Leader Genevieve B. Earle, Fusionist, and Salvatore Minfo, Laborite, announced programs of extension of social services, but neither they nor any other member of the new Council voiced any vigorous opposition to the anti-spending trend of talk which was the chief feature of the session.

EARLE MINORITY LEADER
Cashmore was re-elected Vice-chairman and Mrs. Earle was designated as Vice-chairman and Minority Leader to serve for two years in the new municipal legislative body of 21 members.

The Mayor addressed the Council after Cashmore and Baldwin had announced their programs of financial retrenchment. After a few brief words concerning powers of the executive and legislative branches he proceeded to outline anti-spending program. He said: "Our only troubles right now are budgetary. We have no troubles that we could not meet under normal conditions, but we are not living in a normal time. The people of this city cannot stand any more taxation. Our main source of revenue comes from real estate. There is no use having any personal views about it—real estate cannot stand any more taxation, and if it could we have reached the limit given us under the constitution of this state—the limit as to tax rate, and we are also approaching the limit of our borrowing capacity under the constitution, based on the assessed valuation of taxable property in the state."

The Mayor then developed his thesis, saying that a great many things he wanted to do "we just cannot do."

His address recalled a remark made by him prior to adoption of the recent reduced capital outlay budget urging economy in view of a possible "war emergency."

HEAVY SLASHES HINTED
The Mayor said he hoped nothing would happen to retard carrying out the public health program, but warned the city "can't go as rapidly as we have been, but we can't stop."

His address was seen as preliminary to a series of slashes in the city expense budget which must be

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Huge Turnout In Toronto For Elections

Major Interest Centered On C.P. Candidates, Party Secretary Runs

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 1 (UP).—Toronto voters turned out in large numbers today for the first election held in the Ontario capital since the outbreak of war.

Mayor Ralph Day, seeking his third consecutive term, and the entire board of control ran for reelection.

Red Army's Snow-Land Camouflage



WHITE-CLAD RED ARMY soldiers of the type now operating in Finland on their mission of liberation are shown in this picture. These soldiers, with their trained dog assistant, were detailed to frontier guard duty before the start of hostilities.

Eight Tokio Planes Downed In Battle

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1 (UP).—The official Chinese Central News Agency today reported that Chinese pursuit planes shot down eight Japanese aircraft in the vicinity of Liuchow in the northern Kwangsi Province Saturday.

The report said 18 Japanese planes had participated in a furious aerial battle.

Rich Grow Richer on War Profits Here

Corporation Dividends Reach Highest Total Since 1937

War-time profit taking brought dividends declared last month by major United States corporations to the highest December total since 1937—\$386,873,711.

Disbursements were announced by 1,822 corporations, including \$56,286,412 by 359 banks and insurance companies.

This total compared with \$662,922,106, representing distributions by 1,163 companies in the preceding month, of which \$341,051 was voted by 64 banks and insurance institutions.

A year ago \$295,973,772 was paid by 1,611 concerns, 362 being banks and insurance firms distributing \$48,404,722. In December, 1937, the total was \$453,869,081 for 1,900 corporations, including \$42,344,573 by 312 banks and insurance companies.

Britain Calls Up Two Million More Conscripts

LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP).—The British Government tonight called nearly 2,000,000 more men to arms by a proclamation signed by King George VI in Privy Council.

The proclamation, ordering six classes of conscripts ranging in age from 19 through 28 years to report for registration, will bring to well over 3,000,000 men the Britons actually under arms or liable to service.

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What About Hunger Here, R.R. 'Labor' Asks Hoover

Cleveland Union Paper Warns Labor That Hoover Is Same 'Angel of Mercy' Who Fought Jobless

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—"What about the cold and hungry in our country?" Labor, official organ of the 15 standard railroad unions, asks in its editorial of tomorrow's issue on the widely publicized relief campaign for Mannerheim Finland and similar causes.

The paper observes that "many of those most conspicuous" in the relief campaigns have for years been "insisting that Uncle Sam must balance his budget without regard to the effect on the unemployed."

Make Public Terms of Soviet-Tokio Accord On Rail, Fisheries

Documents Called Positive Development in Settlement of Disputed Questions—Molotov Attended Conferences

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—The Soviet press today published the text of the Soviet-Japanese agreement on payment of the last instalment for the Chinese Eastern Railway in Manchukuo (Manchuria) and the Soviet-Japanese agreement on fisheries concluded yesterday.

At the same time newspapers published a statement by Tass, the Soviet news agency, commenting on the two agreements. The Tass statement said:

"The documents published on Jan. 1 constitute a positive development in the matter of settlement of the disputed questions between Japan and the U.S.S.R. The conclusion of these two agreements is the result of a number of interviews and prolonged negotiations in November and December of 1939 between the People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, Vyacheslav Molotov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Shigenori Togo. Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Solomon Losovsky participated in all these negotiations."

"The importance of the agreements signed can be seen from the scope and nature of the problems settled."

OBLIGATIONS DESCRIBED
"Under the agreement on the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway signed by the U.S.S.R. and Manchukuo on March 23, 1935, the last instalment to the sum of 5,961,625 yen should have been paid to the U.S.S.R. by the Government of Manchukuo on March 23, 1938."

"A few days prior to due date of payment, the Manchukuo Government presented to the Soviet Government counter-claims to an amount exceeding 5,000,000 yen. Pointing out that these counter-claims were unfounded, the Soviet

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Cloudburst in Spain Kills 6 as River Rages

LISBON, Dec. 31 (UP).—Six persons were drowned and 30 houses were destroyed today when the river Ebro on the island of Madeira broke over its banks after a cloudburst.

Flood in Quake Area Destroys 25 Villages

No News from 555 Towns Leads to Fear of Big Death Toll in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Jan. 1 (UP).—Raging flood waters today wiped out more than 25 villages in the rich Adapazar industrial valley southeast of Istanbul, with heavy toll of life, and new earthquake shocks in Anatolia added to the devastation there.

The new tremors again severed hastily-repaired communications with the interior and there was no news from 555 villages of Erzurum Province, where 70 per cent of the total population of 135,000 is believed to have perished.

The flood suffering was aggravated by a raging blizzard in some regions and temperatures as low as 22 below zero.

In the Bursa area, including the towns of Kemal Pasha, Karacabey, Manyas and Yenisehir, the death toll of the floods had reached 400 at mid-day.

Scores of bodies were seen floating but no accurate estimate of the deaths was possible.

The village of Azapli was destroyed. Many bodies were recovered there.

Twelve rivers of the Bursa-Smyrna region were overflowing, beyond all control.

Soviet Air Attacks Main War Activity

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—Red Army bombers continued successful bombing operations against White-Guard military positions in various parts of Finland yesterday, a communique issued early this morning said.

Two Finnish warplanes were shot down Monday, it was also announced.

The land front continued quiet, with no actions of importance reported from any of the districts where the Red Army has advanced from 40 to 80 miles into Finland.

The communique was issued by the headquarters of the Leningrad military district of the Red Army, which is conducting the operations in Finland.

The communique issued early this morning said:

"Nothing of importance happened at the front on Jan. 1. The Soviet air force made successful bombing attacks on several districts and brought down two enemy planes."

Yesterday's communique said: "Nothing important happened at the front on Dec. 31. The Soviet air force made successful bombing attacks in several districts."

Chamberlain Okays Aid to White Guards

Helsinki Reports on Presence of Foreign Troops on Soil

LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP).—Great Britain today officially went on record as being determined to give [White-Guard] Finland substantial assistance in her war against the Soviet Union.

The government reaffirmed Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's promise of aid to [White-Guard] Finland in a telegram to Joseph Avenol, Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

It was understood that Britain was informing Washington and Paris of the help it is granting the [White-Guard] Finns.

It was believed Sweden and Norway were facilitating transportation of Allied provisions destined for Finland.

HELSENKI, Finland, Jan. 1 (UP).—Finnish [White-Guard] Kyosti Kallio, in a New Year's broadcast today, revealed that the first foreign troops are marching into battle against the Red Army.

Within a few days, he said, the Soviet forces will face foreign units, mostly Scandinavians, at the front. Kallio appealed to other nations to send more men.

Holiday Train Crashes; Man Dies, 40 Hurt

Panama Limited Hits Train in Illinois Rail Station

ARCOLA, Ill., Jan. 1 (UP).—The Panama Limited of the Illinois Central Railroad, speeding northward with a trainload of persons returning from Christmas vacations in the South, rammed the rear of a standing north-bound train, the Louisiana, at the railroad station here today, killing one and injuring 30 to 40.

The standing train buckled three cars from the end, killing Thomas V. Talmadge, Evanston, Ill., in his berth. His sister, Bessie, sleeping across the aisle, was uninjured.

Most of the injured had leg injuries from being thrust forward in the berths.

The diner on the Louisiana partially telescoped over the tender of the locomotive directly ahead of it, critically injuring Nathan Hill, Chicago, a chef.

ARMS SPENDING HERALDS NEW RECESSION, C.I.O. WARNS

Don't Curb People's Needs Under 'War' Pretext, F.D.R. Told

75 Prominent Social Workers Urge President to Halt Attacks on Civil Liberties; Ask Congress to Adopt 'Peace Agenda'

Expansion of social security and the enactment of progressive social legislation is urged on the Congress in a letter which contains a statement of principles from 75 nationally prominent social workers. The letter was sent to every Congressman today. The guarding of civil rights in this period is one of the cardinal points in the letter.

The letter calls on the Congress to enact progressive social legislation as "the most effective means of keeping the United States out of involvement in war."

Expansion of social security and public health services are also stressed greatly in the statement of principles.

WARN AGAINST CURBS

Among the signatories of the statement, prepared by the Editorial Board of Social Work Today, a national professional publication, are Charlotte Carr, head worker, Hull-House; Grace L. Coyle, president, National Conference of Social Work; Marion T. Hathway, executive secretary, American Association of Schools of Social Work; Fred K. Hoelzer, director, American Public Welfare Association; Dorothy C. Kahn, Assistant Executive Secretary, American Association of Social Workers; Paul Kellogg, editor, Survey-Graphic; Robert P. Lane, executive director, Welfare Council of New York City; Linton B. Swift, general director, Family Welfare Association of America; and Walter West, executive secretary, American Association of Social Workers.

"Civil rights must be jealously guarded in this period," says the statement. "Implicit in the tendency to limit free speech, free assembly, free press and the freedom of political opinion in times of stress, is a cynicism about the democratic process. The greater the stress, the greater the importance of allowing persons and organizations of all shades of opinion to voice their views. In this connection and at this time, labor legislation and labor's rights take on new importance. Labor being that part of the population standing to lose most and to gain least through war, it is of obvious importance that its right to organize, to bargain collectively and to speak freely must not only be maintained, but strengthened by additional legal safeguards. It should also be pointed out that the war abroad presents no excuse for the enactment of reactionary and discriminatory legislation against

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Ship Sale to Norway is Step to War, Curran Says

Charges Maritime Commission with Using Smoke-Screen in Transfer; Hits Elements in Government Driving Toward Involvement

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, characterized the sale of eight American ships to "a Norwegian company" as a "step which may involve us in the European war."

The United States Lines yesterday had the approval of the Maritime Commission for the sale of the ships to the North Atlantic Transport Company. The line recently applied to the Commission for the transfer of the ships to Panamanian registry, but the NMU led a vigorous protest against it which caused the company later to withdraw the application.

Tentative approval had been given the transfer by the commission. The ships are to be operated, according to an announcement, between New York and London and New York and Liverpool.

Ships involved in the sale, the "price" for which was not disclosed, included: President Harding, American Trader, American Merchant, American Farmer, American Banker.

"This prediction has now come true," Curran said. The United States Lines owns 40 per cent of the stock of this Norwegian company to which it is selling the ships.

"It is our opinion that such a

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Soviet Union Decorates Chief of General Staff

Shaposhnikov Honored With Order of Lenin; 48 Others Awarded

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—The Soviet Government has decorated Boris Shaposhnikov, Chief of the General Staff of the Red Army, with the Order of Lenin, in recognition of his successful work in directing the operations of the Red Army, it was announced today.

The Government also decorated 48 General Staff officers with orders and medals for successful fulfillment of assignments of the Red Army command.

The Order of Lenin is the highest honor bestowed by the Soviet Government on any of its citizens. It is given in recognition of signal contributions to the Soviet state and the cause of the working people and socialism in all fields.

BORIS SHAPOSHNIKOV

Switch From Public Works to Arms Held Main Factor

PRINTS PREDICTION

Hits 'Rosy' Picture by Big Business Apologists; Scores Relief Cuts

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—From the CIO came a grave warning today that the first three months of the new year hold a threat of industrial recession: accompanied by increased unemployment and distress.

Substitution of vast armaments expenditures for relief and public works by the Roosevelt administration was described by the CIO as "probably the most discouraging single factor in the economic outlook."

About 1,000,000 workers will be made jobless in the beginning of 1940 by a drop in production of 15 points, the CIO predicted.

Contrasting sharply with the rosy picture presented by many big business apologists in the newspapers and with the optimistic forecast made by the A. P. of last week, was the sober estimate of the situation presented by the CIO.

Many government economists have, however, quietly come to the same conclusion about the outlook for 1940 as the CIO experts.

To curb the present trend toward a sudden drop in production from decreased purchasing power, the CIO urged enactment of its legislative program which provides for extension of WPA, FWA, low-rent public housing and development of a large-scale federal health program.

CIO PRINTS PREDICTIONS

The CIO outlined the economic prospects for 1940 in a new monthly bulletin, "The Economic Outlook." The bulletin was prepared by the CIO unemployment division which is directed by Ralph Hetzel, Jr.

"Present discussions of the budget of the federal government point to the increase of armament expenditures by about half a billion," the CIO bulletin said.

The CIO stated that government officials would attempt to offset this increase in armaments by making a "very serious reduction in public works and WPA expenditures."

"The simple fact that armament expenditures are to substitute for expenditures on public works which go very quickly into the hands of workers is probably the most discouraging single factor in the economic outlook."

"Instead of being in a position of bolstering purchasing power the government will shift the weight of its expenditures to industries whose general economic effect is weak."

Pointing to a national average for relief families of \$7.54 a month per person, the CIO said that "the outlook for general relief is black indeed."

HITS STARVATION RELIEF

Two-thirds of the states pay less than this average figure, the CIO said, and four states actually pay persons on relief less than \$5 a month.

"The relief fund of many communities are practically exhausted and they are turning away more than half of those seeking relief," the CIO bulletin stated.

Responsibility for the serious relief situation, the CIO said were the following two factors.

"The rising index of production has not been matched by an equal rise in employment. The federal government has shirked the responsibility of caring for all employable and, in drastically cutting down the WPA and FWA, has put

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Hooded Flogging Lands One in Jail

ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 1.—One man was in jail today in connection with the flogging by hooded night riders last Wednesday of Lanier Pruitt, 27, of Anderson. Chief J. H. Jeanes of the State Constabulary said Willis "H. Harney, 25, tavern employee, is held under \$5,000 bond after "having been positively identified by Pruitt as one of the masked men who forced him from his home and flogged him."

Britain Provoking Hindu-Moslem Clash, In India-Pasionaria

Spanish Communist Leader Reveals the Diplomatic Strategy of 'Advisory' Committee London Created

This is the third and concluding section of an article by Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionaria), famed leader of the Spanish Communist Party and the Communist International, on the struggle of the Indian people for independence from British imperialism.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
By Dolores Ibarruri

MOSCOW, Jan. 1. — This statement is a clear example of the cynicism of the British imperialists. Are not the British imperialists the very ones who are dividing and splitting the forces of the Indian people? They are acting in India under that old slogan, which has so far succeeded so well: "Divide-and-Rule."

They are provoking conflicts between the Hindus and Moslems, setting one group of the population against the other, creating religious and national enmities. These are absolutely necessary for the imperialists to weaken the forces of the people.

They tried first to divert the struggle for national liberation by conflicts among the religious communities of the Hindus and Moslems in order to intervene and in the capacity of supreme arbiters step in and "bring order." Instead of a responsible government the Viceroy proposed the creation of an "Advisory Committee," consisting of the representatives of the great parties and the Princes. The Chairman of the sessions of this Committee would be none other than the same Viceroy. He also would be in charge of the nomination of Ministers for the group, and the meetings would be convened at his own discretion.

The formation of this autocratic body — the "democratic gift" to India from the British imperialists, who hide their true purpose in the present war under the mask of "democracy and liberty" — provoked natural indignation throughout the country. Even those liberals who for a long time have had the sorry honor of being lackeys of imperialism, and who, to a certain extent, put a brake on the development of the anti-imperialist struggle, have been forced to express their dissatisfaction with the latest declaration of the Viceroy.

The Indian people do not want to be again utilized as a weapon in the hands of the imperialists. The people are against being put to the service of the interests of the oppressor, and they are raising their voices in protest against the imperialist war, and against the worsening of the living conditions of the masses.

TEXTILE WORKERS STRIKERS

The strike of 90,000 workers in the textile industry in Bombay, in protest against war, and the dissatisfaction and protest resolu-

Famous Roman Church Burns; Loss Is Heavy

ROME, Jan. 1 (UP). — The famous Roman church of San Lorenzo in Damaso, adjacent to the papal palace of Cancellaria, was badly damaged by fire which broke out at midnight and was not extinguished until this morning.

The cupola of the church crashed to the ground and it was feared that damage would total several million lire. A number of valuable art treasures were saved from the burning building however.

The fire destroyed most of the wing of the church overlooking the Corso Vittorio, one of Rome's main thoroughfares. Although many art treasures were rescued it was feared that priceless tapestries and frescoes by Giorgio Vasari in the salon of "on hundred days" in Cancellaria were ruined.

The famous painting, The Madonna from the East, was among the art treasures saved.

Nazi Freighter Interned by Uruguay Gov't

British Request to Allow Ajax Enter Harbor Not Answered

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 1 (UP). — The German freighter Tacoma today chose internment for the duration of the war rather than risk capture or sinking by British warships reported to be lying off Montevideo harbor.

The Tacoma, classified by the Uruguayan government as a German naval auxiliary vessel because it acted as a supply ship to the scuttled Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, had been given 24 hours to leave this port.

When the time limit, protested by Capt. Hans Kanow of the Tacoma and by the German legation, expired at 4:30 A.M. EST with the freighter still anchored in the outer harbor roads, the 8,268-ton vessel and its 55 officers and crew were ordered interned. The Tacoma yesterday moved from its inner harbor anchorage to the outer harbor.

Forty minutes after the time limit expired, the Uruguayan gunboat La Valiente, with maritime authorities, Rudolph Bernitt, local agent of the Hamburg-American Line, and 20 Uruguayan marines aboard, drew alongside the Tacoma and the internment order was given to Captain Kanow.

Shortly thereafter, port officials began to take an inventory of the Tacoma's cargo, the first step in actual internment of the vessel.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 1 (UP). — The Uruguayan government has not yet acted on a request from the British legation that the British cruiser Ajax be allowed to enter Montevideo harbor, the press attache of the legation told the United Press today. Permission was expected before noon tomorrow.

Greatest Arms Spending Went For New Planes

Call \$450,000,000 Air Force, Biggest Peace Time Cost in History

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP). — Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson revealed tonight that the army's aircraft purchases in 1939 constituted "the greatest peace-time procurement of aircraft ever made by this government."

Johnson said in his annual report to his superior, War Secretary Harry H. Woodring, that the War Department spent more money for equipment during 1939—approximately \$450,000,000—"than the total money expended for the prosecution of the war with Spain" [the war of 1898].

He also revealed that at his request the Brookings Institution, widely-known economic research organization, has been exploring methods for establishing government price controls in event this country should become engaged in war.

Johnson's revelations concerning scope of the army's procurement program came as it was learned from other sources that the army has asked Congress for more than \$12,000,000 of emergency funds to purchase new weapons and equipment.

The request was included in President Roosevelt's recent recommendation for immediate congressional approval of a \$275,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill to meet unforeseen expenditures resulting from neutrality patrol duties and expansion of the nation's armed forces since outbreak of the European war.

6,000 Troops Detailed to Caribbean Area

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP). — Official sources today disclosed that the army has transferred more than 6,000 troops to Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone since the outbreak of the European war to make the Caribbean area America's most fortified segment.

Also, it was revealed that the Navy has asked Congress for emergency funds to assemble high-explosive mines.

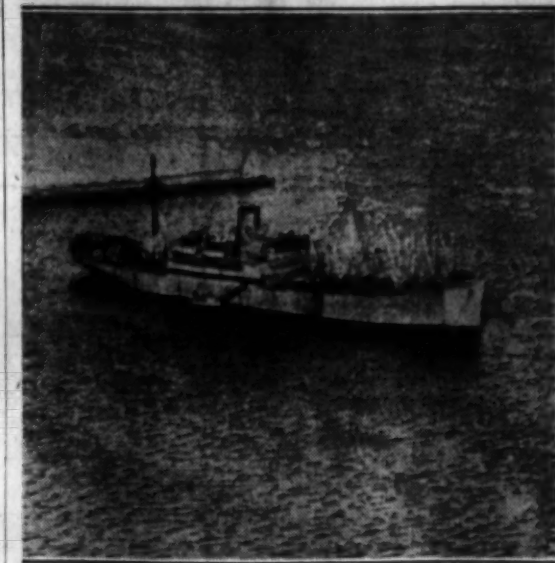
The funds are included in the \$275,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill submitted to Congress by President Roosevelt to meet defense and neutrality needs.

The mines, most of which are now in storage, would be used at such centers as New York, Boston, Norfolk, Puget Sound, San Francisco, and San Diego.

New Year Bomb Costs Youth Both of His Hands

Fred Zimmerman, 17-year-old high school student, made a bomb to celebrate the new year. Zimmerman's hands were blown off, and he was charged by police with possession of dangerous explosives.

German Ship Interned



THE GERMAN FREIGHTER Tacoma is pictured just inside the Montevideo breakwater. The ship, which took off the crew of the scuttled "pocket battleship" Graf Spee, was interned by the Uruguayan Government yesterday on the grounds that she had taken action as a naval auxiliary.

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"On the strength of this obligation to guarantee payment, the Soviet Government in November, 1938, informed the Japanese Government that unless the last installment for the Chinese Eastern Railway were paid, it would not start negotiations on conclusion of a long-term fisheries convention.

NOT PAID

"Neither the Manchukuo Government nor the guarantor, the Japanese Government, paid the last installment during 1938 or 1939.

"In the autumn of 1938, the Japanese Government again raised the question of conclusion of a long-term fisheries agreement. As the last installment for the Chinese Eastern Railway had not been paid, the Soviet Government again informed the Japanese Government that it would not start negotiations until the last installment had been paid.

"In view of the expiration at the end of 1939 of the provisional fisheries agreement, the Japanese Government proposed to prolong the fisheries convention at present only for 1940. The Soviet Government answered that it was prepared to extend the convention with all protocols for 1940 but deemed it absolutely indispensable that the last installment for the Chinese Eastern Railway be paid before signing a protocol on extension of the convention for 1940.

"On Dec. 31, 1939, negotiations on payment of the last installment for the Chinese Eastern Railway were concluded by signature of a Soviet-Japanese agreement under which the Japanese Government assured the Soviet Union of immediate payment of the last installment for the Chinese Eastern Railway together with the additional sum due under the gold clause which secures the interests of the Soviet State against market fluctuation of the yen rate, with interest added at the annual rate of three per cent from the period from March 23, 1938, until the date of payment.

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step as this transfer is a step toward involving us in the European war.

"There are elements in this country, and the Maritime Commission is one of them, which are working night and day to bring us into the war on the side of Great Britain.

"Labor knows what the war will mean to it. If we are involved in the war prices will go up much more rapidly than wages. In addition millions upon millions of dollars will be

wasted and thousands upon thousands of lives will be sacrificed.

"The National Maritime Union will join with all of Labor to resist efforts by war-mongers, including the Maritime Commission, to involve this country in the war."

Curran was asked if the sale of the ships to the "Norwegian company" was considered legal.

"Sure it's legal," he said. "If they got us into the war they'd do it legally, too. We don't want the ships 'sold' because it means American seamen losing their jobs and it means one step toward war."

NEW YEAR IN TWO WORLDS CONTRASTED BY PRAVDA

Each New Year Is a Milestone Bringing Capitalism Nearer to Its End; Land of Socialism to New Victories

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—Pravda in a New Year's editorial today contrasted the significance of New Year's Day in the capitalist world—the world of war and oppression—and in the "New World" of the U.S.S.R., the world of socialism, peace and freedom.

"Ever since the unforgettable historic days of 1917, two worlds existing side by side, the capitalist world and the socialist world, have ushered in each New Year in their own way," Pravda, central organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, said.

"In the countries where the capitalists and landlords still hold power, where savage exploitation and oppression of the working people still prevail, each New Year is a milestone bringing nearer the end of capitalism."

"Time mercilessly announces to the ruling classes that their rule is reduced by one more year. The future belongs not to the representative of a doomed and dying system."

"The future belongs to their irreconcilable foe—the working class, which today is still subjected to exploitation on five-sixths of the earth's surface, but which is tirelessly digging the grave of capitalism."

"Ever since October, 1917, the working people of all countries visualize this future not only in theory, not as a distant ideal. Their happy future, their best hopes and aspirations they now see embodied in living reality in the country where for more than 22 years there has existed the power of the workers and farmers. That country is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

WORKERS EVERYWHERE INSPIRED

"The victories of the Soviet people inspire the proletarians and oppressed of all lands with faith and hope in their future, these victories are a source of encouragement for our brothers abroad who are gathering their forces for the final and decisive battle."

"The capitalist world enters 1940 under a cloud of contradictions. The brutal struggle of the major capitalist countries for world domination has sharpened and has been transformed into a new imperialist war."

"For the sake of its imperialism aims, disguised by phrases of struggle for 'democracy,' and 'civilization,' the financial oligarchy of Britain and France, with the aid of its lackeys, the Blums, Jouhaux, Citrines and Bevin, has fanned the conflagration of a new war."

"These 'champions of democracy' deprived their own peoples of the last remnants of civil rights. These 'champions of civilization' use fire and sword to crush every attempt to the hundreds of millions of toilers in the colonies and semi-colonies to win independence and build a cultured and civilized life."

"These 'friends of the people' have doomed millions of inhabitants of London, Paris, Strasbourg and many other cities to poverty and untold hardships by evacuating families from their homes, leaving them without shelter and work, de-

stitute refugees whom the authorities drive from city to city, from village to village.

"Hundreds of millions of the toilers and the oppressed in the capitalist world face the New Year with alarm and anxiety. Indeed, what does this year bring them? Unemployment, evacuation from their home towns, added privation, danger and hardships."

"The advanced workers, farmers, intellectuals and soldiers of the belligerent countries, despite terror and persecution, are driving from their midst the bourgeois agents—the traitors of the Second International—and are extending the front of struggle against war and for peace."

"Never before has the class struggle been so sharp, the struggle between the overwhelming majority of the people who do not want war and the handful of capitalist rulers for whom the blood of the people is nothing and war profits everything."

THE NEWLY LIBERATED

"The close of 1939 was marked by extension of the territory of the Land of Soviets. Thirteen million kindred Ukrainians and Byelo-Russians, liberated from the yoke of the Polish gentry by the heroic Red Army, entered the fraternal family of the peoples of the Soviet Union."

"The last month of 1939 was marked by another brilliant victory

of the Stalinist bloc of Communists and non-Party people at the elections for local Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

"These two events of prime political importance aroused among the people an unprecedented wave of activity and energy and served to multiply tenfold the efforts of all working people."

"The heart of every Soviet citizen is filled with gratitude to the fatherland and affection for the great helmsman of our country, Stalin, whose 60th birthday the entire people recently celebrated with such joy and enthusiasm."

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"But for the time being we are the only land of socialism and are surrounded by the capitalist world. For this reason the armed forces of the Soviet state, the Red Army and Red Navy, were, and will be the object of special solicitude of the Party, the Soviet Government and our entire people."

Nazis Building New Fleet of Submarines

PARIS, Jan. 1 (UP). — An official Admiralty announcement today claimed that Germany has begun construction of a new fleet of 150-ton "vest-pocket" submarines to be used exclusively for extension of the counter-blockade of Great Britain and France.

The vest-pocket submarines would require crews of only 20 officers and men as compared with crews of 60 or more men for Germany's 1,500-ton U-boats and 40 men for her 550-ton and 720-ton types. The size of the midsize U-boats would limit their fuel capacity, however, and reduce their radius of action to four or five days cruising.

The official assertion of Germany's plan to build "vest-pocket" submarines coincided with another announcement that the French Navy has sunk nine German submarines since the start of the war.

German Planes Stage Raid on Shetland Isle

LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP). — German bombing planes today attacked British warships at the Shetland Islands, off the northern tip of Scotland. Two Nazi raiders were reported to have been shot down at sea by British planes and anti-aircraft guns.

The Air Ministry and Admiralty said one German plane was brought down over the North Sea and another was believed to have been shot down off the Shetlands coast. A joint Air Ministry and Admiralty announcement of the Shetlands raid said:

"Hostile aircraft were sighted over the Shetlands this morning and one was believed to have been shot down. Two bombs were dropped but none hit His Majesty's ships. Fighter patrols and anti-aircraft guns went into action."

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NEW CONGRESS ASKED TO AID NON-CITIZENS

Foreign Born Committee Lists Good Measures

Report Analyzes 22 Bills Sponsored by Committee, Hits 'Alien' Attacks

WASHINGTON D. C., Jan. 1.—A report analyzing pending legislation to encourage and aid the non-citizen in his effort to achieve citizenship status was made public today by Dr. William Allan Nelson, co-chairman of the committee of 100 sponsors for the Fourth Annual Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which meets in Washington on March 2 and 3.

The report, which is to be presented to the March Conference for final action, lists 22 of the 80 bills to be considered by Congress when it convenes tomorrow. Dr. Nelson stated that these bills, which the Committee is asking Congress to enact into law, are "an attempt to overcome in an American way the difficulties faced by the non-citizen in his sincere desire to become an American citizen."

"The passage," Dr. Nelson said, "would encourage and help the majority of the three million non-citizens in the country to become citizens, removing many of the obstacles now in their path." Dr. Nelson attributed these difficulties to the high fees, red tape, unnecessary delays, certain discriminatory provisions in the law, and the high educational and literacy requirements for naturalization.

He pointed out that attempts to force the naturalization of non-citizens are "dangerous acts of intimidation," and that non-citizens are being blamed and attacked for their lack of citizenship whereas "it is extremely difficult for many of them to become naturalized."

Ernest Hemingway, co-chairman of the committee of 100 sponsors, joined Dr. Nelson in issuing the report and urged "wide and immediate attention to the situation which it discloses."

The bills are:

H. R. 210; Emanuel Celler; reduces naturalization fees to \$2.

H. R. 3657; Caroline O'Day; Philippine lawfully admitted to United States before May 1, 1934, and serving three years on any merchant or fishing vessel of the United States shall be eligible for citizenship.

H. R. 4185; Thomas D'Alesandro; native-born women who lost citizenship because of marriage to an alien shall be deemed United States citizens if they have resided permanently in the United States since their marriage.

H. R. 4221; John M. Coffee; no alien shall be denied citizenship because he has received relief.

H. R. 4995; Rudolph Tenerowicz; eliminates educational requirements for applicants who entered before November 11, 1918.

H. R. 5591; Samuel W. King; admit to American citizenship natives of Samoa without restriction as to race.

H. R. 5654; Matthew Merritt; to enable aliens who have declared their intention to become American citizens to reenlist in the Regular Army.

H. R. 6443; Charles Ciason; enables naturalization of anyone who entered when 16 or younger without having to file a declaration of intention.

H. R. 6798; Rudolph Tenerowicz; enables natives of India to become American citizens.

H. R. 7119; Vito Marcantonio; any person born in Puerto Rico after April 11, 1899, is declared to be a citizen of the United States by birth.

H. R. 7239; Vito Marcantonio; enables naturalization of Filipinos who are permanent residents of the United States.

H. R. 7321; John Lesinski; to enable non-citizens who are illegally in the United States and whose deportation would work hardship on

Crew of U. S. Ship Meets In Japan To Act Against War

Steward's Division Holds Meeting on Deck of S.S. Cleveland as Vessel Docks in Yokohama to Express Opposition to Involving U. S.

YOKOHAMA, (By Mail).—When the S.S. President Cleveland docked here her stewards, having heard radio flashes of the news from the States and Europe called a meeting to register their firm opposition to the imperialist war. They don't want the United States involved in the European conflict "in any way, shape or form." Copies of their resolution have been sent to President Roosevelt, maritime union papers and Congressmen, with special attention given to the red-baiting Martin Dies of Texas.

The resolution says: "The possibility of the United States of America being drawn into the present European conflict is eminent. Notwithstanding opposite opinions voiced in Washington, D. C. and throughout the U. S. A., we recall that similar ideas were expressed during the major part of 1916, and

"Whereas: In spite of the agitation against entering the World War, our country became entangled through subtle moves which entailed not only the expenditures of billions of American dollars, but also the loss of thousands of American lives, and

"Whereas: The same folly of 1917 may be repeated, whereby we gain nothing and lose much if certain powers succeed in making our coun-

Fund Drive Commission Warns on 'Bogging Down'

Announces Only \$12,000 Collected During Past 2 Weeks in Campaign to Wind Up Goal for \$250,000

Urging "one more big push," the New York State Fund Drive Commission today warned that the Communist Party fund drive is in danger of bogging down.

Delay in completing the campaign for \$250,000 for essential needs of the Party, it declared, would seriously interfere with the defense of Communist leaders now awaiting trial.

Combined receipts for the past two weeks barely totaled \$12,000 as compared with previous weeks of \$15,000 and \$20,000 each, the Commission revealed. This brings the total still to be raised to approximately \$40,000.

A special assessment for the defense fund is scheduled to go into effect the first week of January and only those sections which have completed their fund drive quotas will be able to devote their full forces to this campaign, the Commission pointed out.

"The a.s. the fund drive is brought to a successful conclusion, the sooner we can go over the top on the special levy," the Commission declared. "With this in mind, let us bend every effort behind one big push that will wind up the fund drive and clear the decks for action on the defense fund," it urged.

A special assessment of 50c and \$1 was proposed by the National Committee of the Communist Party to aid the legal defense of Earl Browder, William Weiner and other Communist leaders who have been picked up in a legal dragnet woven by the war-makers.

Americans to leave and reenter the United States in order to legalize their status.

S. 1232; Gerald P. Nye; enables naturalization of minor aliens adopted by American citizens.

S. 1382; Prentiss Brown; special naturalization privileges to veterans of the World War who left the United States to join army of a country allied with the United States.

S. 1920; Elbert D. Thomas; enables Filipinos who served in the United States Army three years to become citizens.

S. 2041; Guy M. Gillette; extends to May 25, 1943, time for naturalization of alien veterans of the allied forces in the World War.

S. 2151; Josh Lee; appropriates funds for promoting naturalization education.

S. 2386; David I. Walsh; confers American citizenship on alien veterans of the World War.

In issuing the report, Dr. Nelson warned that passage of any of the 70 so-called anti-alien bills would prevent any benefits being derived from the remedial legislation analyzed in the report. A complete program taking consideration these pending measures is to be worked out by the March Conference, it was stated. This remedial legislation is being supported by the committee, Dr. Nelson said, "because it would facilitate and encourage the naturalization of non-citizens" by:

1. Reducing the fees for naturalization;

2. Moderating the educational and literacy requirements;

3. Removing discriminatory provisions in the naturalization laws which at present prevent many from becoming naturalized.

Bloodhounds Save Lost Hikers



A group of holiday hikers, all students of City College of New York, are pictured at Darnerville, N. Y., after state police, with bloodhounds, found them wandering aimlessly, after 13 hours, on Dunderberg Mountain. Four of the lost party managed to get to civilization, and state police, using bloodhounds, located the rest. No one was injured.

Dressmakers Members Ask Election Rights

Rank and File Demands Election Committee Set Up in Local 89

A meeting of the Rank and File Group of Italian Dressmakers, Local 89 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, at Irving Plaza adopted a resolution urging the executive council of the union to empower an election committee to conduct the union's election of officers next March, as provided in its constitution.

At the present time, the Rank and File Group charged, an examination committee in the local enforces the rights of the election committee of the union on the examination of candidates.

The meeting at which this step for an honest election in the local was taken, was called in accordance with requirements in the ILGWU constitution that groups participating in the union election must meet three months prior to the poll.

Local 89, of which Luigi Antonini is president is the largest in the International.

The rank and file meeting elected a committee of 11 to direct its election campaign in the union and to draw up its program.

The discussion at the meeting put strong emphasis on the union's trade problems and on the need of organizing the unorganized in the industry, now a growing menace to those organized.

The committee elected, consist of John Gagliano, Nicola Perillo, Frank Millano, Nicola Colonna, John Tolento, Francis Gioia, Joseph Costa, Faust, Nancy Fedele, Agnes Tortorasi and Josephine Sassano.

Fire Razes Grain Firm

SOUTHBRURY, Conn., Jan. 1 (UP).—Damage was estimated at \$15,000 today in a fire which destroyed the two-story Southbury Grain Co. building Sunday. Firemen were hampered by lack of water.

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200 Meet Violent Death Over Holiday

Cal. Has 6 Suicides Out of 26 in U. S., Choose New Year's for Act

(By United Press) Violence had claimed at least 200 lives yesterday as the nation celebrated the third and final day of its New Year week end.

As usual, traffic fatalities led United Press tabulations with 116 lives taken since Saturday night. Thirty suicides were reported while fire, drowning, explosion, shootings and train-car collision caused half a hundred deaths.

Pennsylvania's 22 victims of violence were the most reported by a single state. Illinois was second with 19 deaths and California and Michigan reported 15 each.

Michigan's toll was pushed upward by a dozen traffic fatalities, two more than reported by Illinois and Pennsylvania. California's six suicides was twice as great as the number listed by any other region.

Fourteen states reported no deaths from violence for the three-day holiday period, and 18 had no traffic deaths.

Benson, Shakespearean Director, Dies at 81

LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP).—Sir Frank Benson, 81, actor and theatrical manager, died yesterday. He directed 26 annual Shakespeare festivals at Stratford-on-Avon.

Smith Committee Misuse of Power Assailed by N. M. U.

Warns Probers of NLRB Not to Become Another Dies Committee; Lauds Wagner Act Achievements

The National Council of the National Maritime Union yesterday made public a resolution calling upon the Smith Committee investigating the National Labor Relations Board to change its tactics and cease "mis-using its power . . . to incite reactionary, anti-labor forces to demand crippling amendments and possible destruction of the NLRB and the Wagner act."

The resolution called upon the Smith Committee to "conduct its inquiry on a fair basis and admit to its records the testimony of the representatives of those workers who have been freed from semi-slavery by the establishment of the National Labor Relations Board and the passage of the Wagner Act; and be it further

The council points out that the country has already been treated to one "exhibition of mis-use of power" by the Anti-New Deal Dies Committee, which is "smearing witnesses and assaulting perfectly decent American groups with a sinister purpose."

Committee Chairman Howard H. Smith, NLRB member William Leiserson, and Edmund Toland, counsel to the committee, are all linked together in the resolution as enemies of labor and of the Board.

The NLU announced that copies of the resolution are being sent to President Roosevelt, Attorney General Murphy, the Department of Labor, the NLRB and to members of the Smith Committee.

WHEREAS: The open hearings of the House Committee investigating the National Labor Relations Board under the Chairmanship of Howard H. Smith, an outspoken critic and avowed enemy of the Wagner Act, are being conducted in a spirit hostile to the NLRB and dangerous to the security of all organized labor, and

WHEREAS: The testimony of William M. Leiserson, Board member, is harmful to the National Labor Relations Board in the eyes of Congress and the American people, and will incite the reactionary and anti-labor forces to demand crippling amendments and possible destruction of the National Labor Relations Board and the Wagner Act; and

WHEREAS: The Committee's Chief Counsel, Edmund N. Toland, has been attorney for companies involved in Labor Board cases who are contributors to the National Association of Manufacturers, the most relentless and implacable foe of the Wagner Act, and Toland is alleged to have represented notorious industrial service agencies supplying spies and scabs; and

WHEREAS: The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York has ruled that under the National Labor Relations Act an employer may discriminate against union or non-union members in hiring, thereby further destroying the rights of organized labor; and

WHEREAS: The country has now an exhibition of disgraceful misuse of power by the anti-New Deal Dies Committee, which is smearing witnesses and assaulting perfectly decent American groups with a sinister purpose, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That this body go on record demanding that this House Committee conduct its inquiry on a fair basis and admit to its records the testimony of the representatives of those workers who have been freed from semi-slavery by the establishment of the National Labor Relations Board and the passage of the Wagner Act; and be it further

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TORY PRESS GAVE BIRTH TO HOOVER'S 'RELIEF' CAMPAIGN

'Editor and Publisher' Unwittingly Reveals That Drive to Aid White Guards Has No Support of Broad Masses

Herbert Hoover organized his spurious "Finnish relief" campaign in the same sort of smoke-filled offices of the newspaper publishers that were used time and again to whip up fake campaigns against social legislation.

This unwitting revelation is made in the Dec. 25 issue of *Editor and Publisher*, organ of the reactionary newspaper owners.

Hoover tries to give the impression that his campaign to aid the White Guard regime of butcher Mannerheim and Banker Ryti, came out of the bosom of the American people. But in the article entitled "Hoover praises press for aid in mobilizing Finnish Relief," Editor and Publisher lets the cat out of the bag.

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Don't Throttle Social Needs, FDR Warned

75 Prominent Social Workers Ask Civil Rights Be Guarded

(Continued from Page 1)

allens such as that passed by the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and by other states, during their last sessions.

Whatever temporary "partial and unpredictable pick-up" in national income may result from the sale of war implements must not be regarded as a substitute for social improvement, the social workers say.

The Congress is warned that funds for a social program must not be diverted into military channels.

"The wars in Europe and Asia supply no real economic basis for the discontinuance or reduction of any of the public and private social services now being offered the American people," the statement says. It also asserts that "there is a very tangible correlation between unsatisfied social and economic need and the decision of a people to go to war."

As a practical "peace agenda," the signatories call upon Congress to enact legislation in the 77th Session to provide "an adequate program of work for the unemployed; a properly expanded, liberalized and efficiently administered social security program capable of meeting the needs of all the unemployed not otherwise provided for; legislation protecting labor, consumer and minority groups; legislation removing obstacles to the exercise of the franchise by all Americans of voting age; and provision for the expansion of public health services."

The fourth of seven points made in the statement hits at the war-profits. It says:

"The most earnest consideration should be given to effective legislation for taxing the profits out of war. Whatever additional national income is gained by the United States by way of war trade and finance should be distributed equitably to the whole population through the media of good wages and the maintenance of fair prices. Public welfare budgets of all kinds must be flexible enough to permit of immediate adjustment to any unfavorable relation between wages and prices resulting from war conditions."

The seven-point statement of principles, with its 75 signatories, is to appear in the January issue of *Social Work Today*.

Mr. Hoover Gets a Penny and a Few Reminders

'Why Don't You Raise Your Voice for Cleveland's Starving,' O'Sheel, A. L. P. Leader Writes Hoover

The bankers' darling, Herbert Hoover, has received a contribution of one cent for his so-called "Finnish Relief" fund and an explanatory letter from Shaemas O'Sheel, who was a candidate of the American Labor Party as Sheriff of Dutchess County last fall.

Mr. O'Sheel sent a copy of his letter to Mr. Hoover to the press yesterday. We reprint this letter, in which Mr. O'Sheel states his views on the Finnish situation from the viewpoint of one who has the cause of Irish freedom close to heart.

"Hon. Herbert Hoover, Chairman, Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., 420 Lexington Ave., New York.

"Dear Sir: The independence of Finland was one of my cherished causes even long before the late World

bonus-marchers) Hoover, the article says:

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

"I called up some of the leading men of the newspaper world from Los Angeles two weeks ago and discussed with them whether it was possible to put the idea of nationwide newspaper support into effect. Most of this work I did from the offices of the Los Angeles Times.

"Roy W. Howard (Scripps-Hewar chain owner) took a great interest after I discussed the matter with him and he called up others."

What a reactionary natural, Hoover and Roy Howard! It was Howard, too, who in the most brutal terms told what the White Guard Relief campaign is when his newspapers carried an editorial the other day declaring that aid for Mannerheim was an investment for Wall Street. He showed that this imperialist campaign has nothing to do with the interest of the common people, even calling the editorial "A Hint to the Rich."

But as the Editor and Publisher article reveals there was one other despised reactionary who made use of the Hoover-Howard combination: a triumvirate. That man was William Randolph Hearst, professional hater of labor and the masses.

"William Randolph Hearst was approached through a mutual friend and he immediately said he would be glad to support Mr. Hoover's appeal," the article continued.

FRUIT OF REACTION

It was once again plain where the newspaper campaign for White Guard relief comes from. It didn't start from the trade unions, from labor, from the poor farmers, from the sharecroppers (who are opposed as are the Finnish peasants and workers) or from the progressive organizations of the people. It came out of the most reactionary circles on Wall Street—from men who were as callous as cold steel toward the Spanish, Ethiopian and other peoples who were smashed through aggressions of Nazism and the unending intrigues of Chamberlain.

It is once again clear that Hoover's "relief" campaign is to further war-incitements against the Soviet Union, while the action of the Soviet Union in Finland is to protect her own security, to assist the Finnish people, and to check the People's government, and to check the theater of the imperialist war.

PART OF WAR DRIVE

The fact that the newspapers have taken the lead in the campaign is only another part of the vicious campaign of war-hysteria which they are constantly whipping up to lead America into war. This fake relief campaign helps them build circulation even as it gives the rich additional fields of investment, for which they intend to send American boys to their death.

The people are familiar with these newspaper campaigns. They saw the same tactic used by the reactionary publisher Frank Gannett in his campaign to prevent progressive reform of the Supreme Court, in his drive to smash the Wagner Act. By its sponsors shall the American people know this fake "Finnish relief" campaign, and thus will they see its menace to the peace of the country.

Do you happen to recall that

1,250,000 Were There—Count 'Em



A throng of 1,250,000 were on hand on Times Square to say farewell to 1939 and greet the New Year. Crowds jam-packed the theatre area along Broadway and Seventh Ave. as far as 56th St.

Mayor, City Council Agree on 'Stringent Economy,' Hint Cuts

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prepared by the Board of Estimate and the Council before next spring. Organization of the Council was completed with the Democratic majority overriding all opposition, in three hours.

John Cashmore was nominated for re-election as Majority Leader and Vice-chairman by Anthony DiGiovanna, Brooklyn Democrat, and seconded by James Burke, Queens Democrat.

Joseph Clark Baldwin, Manhattan Republican, nominated Genevieve B. Earle for the post.

Cashmore was elected with the 14 regular Democrats voting for him in a solid block. Mrs. Earle received 6 votes. Voting for her were Baldwin, Strauss, Ninfio, Laidler, Earle and Smith. John Christensen, Republican, was recorded as not voting.

When Alfred E. Smith, Jr., the independent Democrat, cast his vote for the Fusion Councilwoman, regular Democrats in the gallery and sitting as visitors behind the rail on the floor greeted him with a low chorus of boos.

Later Mrs. Earle was designated Vice-chairman and Minority Leader by Baldwin, Strauss, Ninfio, Laidler and Earle.

DEMOCRATS IN SADDLE

The regular Democrats took control of all the committees. They elected John P. Nugent, Tammany Democrat, to head the powerful rules committee, which proceeded to hand down a set of rules which were substantially the same as those of the old Board of Aldermen.

Neither of the two Fusion members were given a post on the rules committee.

Harry W. Laidler, Laborite and minority member of the rules committee, brought in a minority report demanding a new order of business and minor reforms to the rules. His report was defeated by a vote of 14 to 7.

H. Warren Hubbard, Tammany leader of the 18th Assembly District North, was elected as City Clerk to succeed Michael J. Cruise, retired, by a vote of 15 to 5, with one not voting, over Dorothy Kenyon, who was nominated for the post by Ninfio.

The Council chamber was filled with friends and families of the Councilmen and leaders of the political parties.

Alfred E. Smith, Jr., came with his father, the ex-governor, his

mother and nine others of the Smith family.

President Morris in an address, lauded the "road toward social progress" traveled by the city in the past six years, such as "unemployment compensation, social security, low rent housing facilities," but he projected no program for extension of such services.

"The Council is on trial," he said. But the only programmatic points he stressed were a proposal for taking authority away from the Council to name streets, parks and playgrounds and another to remedy "abuses as a result of state control over our city budget."

Mrs. Earle set forth the minority program in a speech in which she advocated repeal of state legislation "which now imposes mandatory expenditures on the City of New York."

URGS TAX REFORM

She urged tax reform with the eye on finding additional sources of revenue to finance governmental functions.

"Slum clearance and the construction of public housing for our low income families should be continued with full force and vigor," Mrs. Earle said.

She said she would work for legislation to bring about satisfactory working conditions in the taxicab industry and advocated practical measures, such as meat grading and bread bills, to protect the consumers.

"Matters of great social and human significance, which I have not touched upon," Mrs. Earle concluded, "such as adequate relief for the needy unemployed, a substitute for the cigarette tax; the problems of youth; the extension of educational services, such as health, hospitals, schools, parks and playgrounds; the protection of civil liberties; the improvement of labor standards—these and other matters of community importance will be discussed in detail by the members of the Minority, during the coming session of the Council."

The only reference to the war situation was made in a report by the Labor Party spokesman, Ninfio. And it was a weak one taking up only one small paragraph of a long speech.

"We are at peace," Ninfio, who ran office on a pro-British, pro-war program, said. "We want to stay at peace. We will spare no effort to remain at peace."

It was believed that strong rank and file opposition within the La-

Arms Budget Is Bringing New Recession, CIO Warns

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a double burden on the local communities."

Despite the fact that production has risen to 1929 levels, the CIO said that unemployment still remains at about 10,000,000.

The CIO economists said the "collapse is made inevitable" when "production expands more rapidly than purchasing power" and that "the economy is again approaching such a situation."

CUTS IN OFFING

Describing federal spending for social services and public works as "one of the important factors in maintaining purchasing power," the CIO said that each time "there was a sharp reduction in the amount which the federal government contributed to the national buying power above and beyond the amount it took in taxes and economic recession set in."

The CIO said that such a cut with the same disastrous economic consequences is "clearly impending now."

In addition to recommending its general legislative program for increased government spending for relief and public works, the CIO Bulletin stressed the following two proposals to offset the threatening recession.

Larger old age pensions as against the present policy of storing up huge reserves which have a "depressive effect" on the economy. Alleviation of the vicious trend "toward basing federal taxation primarily upon consumption."

bor Party against the pro-war policy of the leadership brought about this mention of the war in the Ninfio report.

The Labor Party reported pledged to strive "for the enactment of measures designed to eliminate and prevent war profiteering in retail commodities."

The A.L.P. program called for "more adequate relief allowances," additional appropriations from both state and city for education, establishment of a bureau of public utilities and a "Board of Youth Control," construction of a milk yardstick plant to regulate the price of milk, preservation of the 5-cent fare, the five-day week for city employees, defense of civil liberties and opposition to "totalitarian movements everywhere in any form whatever."

He also proposed to charge the enrollment fee in the erstwhile free city colleges.

John Cashmore, speaking for the organization Democrats made it clear his side of the house had launched on a campaign to curtail expenditures for social services.

"First and foremost, as spokesman for the Majority," he said, "I assure you that the representatives on the Democratic side of the House will not vote for any proposal which will increase the budget unless it is absolutely necessary. And by that same token, we will support any honest and sensible measure which will reduce the cost of government to the taxpayer."

The Majority Leader, pledged, however, to continue relief to the unemployed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Found Strangled



Mary Vila, 23, an Argentinean beauty whose strangled and mutilated body was found in the tiny room she shared with another girl in Philadelphia, is pictured above. She had been battered and slashed. Police arrested a dozen persons for questioning.

Bronxites Start New Year on St., Burnt Out

Five-Story Tenement Building Burns; Many Relief Victims

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of five to fourteen. As she was telling her story to a Daily Worker reporter, Mr. Campanelli had just come up to inform her that he had made arrangements with one of her relatives to take part of the family for the night.

Most of the other families in the house, who were also on relief, were able to return after the fire on the first and second floor was extinguished.

Among those who narrowly escaped serious consequences was Mrs. Mary Palladino, also a mother of eight who is about to give birth. Her belongings, however, remained intact and she was able to return to her apartment.

An aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Datz, both over 80 years, were among those carried out by firemen. Fireman William J. McCaine burnt his hand. The origin of the fire was still undetermined.

Gannes Shows Slight Gains

Harry Gannes, Daily Worker foreign editor, is gaining slightly in his struggle for recovery after a serious operation and post-operative pneumonia, said Jewish Hospital authorities in Brooklyn last night.

Gannes is under federal indictment on a technical passport charge.

Toledo Schools Reopened Today

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 1.—More than 44,000 Toledo school children will return to their classes tomorrow after a six-week "vacation" when the city cut off funds.

BROWDER GREETED BY LINCOLN-LENIN PARLEY IN PHILA.

Pledges Untiring Fight to Defend C. P. Leaders Under Gov't Court Persecution; Praises Anti-War Struggle

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—One hundred and fifty delegates at the Lincoln-Lenin Memorial conference held here today wired a resolution greeting Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party and pledged all their might for the fight to free him and other Communists singled out for persecution.

The resolution adopted unanimously follows:

"One hundred and fifty delegates at the Lincoln-Lenin Memorial Conference representing Communist Party branches and workers' organizations, greet you, the leader of the struggle of the American people to keep America out of the imperialist war."

"The capitalist class is persecuting you, Sam Darcy, William Weiner, Harry Gannes, William Schneiderman and other Communists in order to weaken the movement against imperialist war."

"The vicious anti-Soviet slanders in the capitalist press, on the radio and in the movies, is aimed to incite our American people to war on behalf of Wall Street profiteers, and must be defeated."

"We pledge to you to rally the people of Eastern Pennsylvania to

free you, Sam Darcy and other Communist leaders, because your defense is the defense of our peace and civil liberties."

"The American people have nothing to gain by getting into the imperialist war on either side. We shake your hand warmly for your work against imperialist anti-Soviet war. You are fighting to save the American people from the disease, death, and poverty which was their lot in the last World War. We pledge to work energetically under your leadership, under the leadership of William Z. Foster and the other members of the National Committee, to defeat the war plans of the Wall Street profiteers, to preserve democratic rights and the living standards of the workers, and to build our Communist Party."

"Carl Reeve, Secretary Lincoln-Lenin Memorial Conference."

What About Hunger Here, Labor Paper Asks Hoover

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It has even been suggested that large sums be advanced out of the public treasury.

"But what about the cold and hungry millions in our own country? Would it be out of order to suggest that 'charity begins at home'?"

HUNGER RIGHT IN WASHINGTON

"It is a very noticeable that many of those most conspicuous in the movement to relieve distress in foreign lands are now, and for years have been, insisting that Uncle Sam must balance his budget without regard to the effect on the unemployed."

"A striking example is to be found in certain big daily newspapers which for weeks before Christmas called on their readers to contribute generously to the 'neediest cases' or to supply shoes for the children of the poverty stricken."

"Practically every one of those papers had applauded the efforts of the champions of 'economy' to reduce appropriations for the relief of suffering here at home."

"As this is written, snow covers the ground in Washington and the thermometer hovers around zero. Thousands of men and women and little children in the nation's capital lack proper food, clothing and shelter. Similar conditions exist in every city in the

land and in rural communities, too."

CLEVELAND, Jan. 1.—The Cleveland Union Leader, weekly of the CIO unions here, suggested in its current issue that the Finnish people ought to be warned that Herbert Hoover now heading a relief campaign for Mannerheim, is the former President "who refused to provide relief to American people in the depths of the depression."

The paper comments sarcastically on Hoover's role as an "angel of mercy" seeing in it rather a move to draw the United States into the bloody conflict in Europe.

The editorial says: "We ought to warn the Finnish people that this angel of mercy is the same Herbert Hoover who refused to provide relief to American people in the depths of the depression—the same prize 20th Century phonograph, who shot down starving war veterans when they demanded food—the same great champion of relief who has fought through the years to smash WPA and all other relief to American people."

"Of course it could never be true that such a great humanitarian as Herbert Hoover would simply be using the Finnish relief mission and the Finnish people for the purpose of drawing America into a terrible, bloody war. No. Perish the thought! Herbert Hoover, who, along with his millionaire friends would make millions in profit out of the war, is really for peace. Trust in Hoover."



It is characteristic of Communists that they must finish what they set out to do. Perhaps this because they work daily on the greatest unfinished project ever conceived by man: Socialism. Not to finish lesser tasks would undoubtedly affect our stamina on the Big Job.

That's only one reason why we must raise \$40,000 to complete the fund drive. To all other reasons we must now add a new one: the defense fund. Not until we have finished the old job can we do justice to the new campaign. Delay in one will seriously interfere with the other.

So, let's finish up. One last big push—and the job is done!

Report of American Ass'n. of Social Workers

DISEASE, MADNESS AND SUICIDE
REAP GRIM TOLL IN CLEVELAND

On Nov. 15 in Cleveland more than 60,000 people were made the victims of what was one of the most brutal slashes in relief in recent years.

More than 16,000 were cut off without any assistance and left to shift for themselves. They were told to "get jobs" in a city where there weren't any.

Gov. John Bricker said, "No one was hungry."

Mayor Burton refused for weeks to take any steps to relieve the crisis.

At the bottom of the whole issue was the fact that thousands had been cut off WPA and no provision made for rehiring them.

In the face of mounting destitution, the federal administration did not provide needed WPA jobs for Ohio's unemployed but answered pleas for aid with the mockery of a promise of sending Army soup kitchens.

The Sunday Worker began publication serially of the report of the Cleveland Chapter, American Association of Social Workers, which is being continued today.

Human suffering and sacrifice mark every page of the report. It will continue serially during the week in the Daily Worker.

[Third Installment]

It is generally recognized that women before and after childbirth require special care. Twenty-one cases of pregnant women were found. The relief crisis, however, is no respecter of this situation. The following indicate some of the effects for women and growing babies.

In one case of a woman who was expecting confinement, the latter part of December, her situation was complicated by a rheumatic heart condition. She was the mother of six children and in addition to worry about her own condition was concerned as to what would happen because she had to enter the hospital for two weeks' observation before delivery. She was afraid the children would not have enough to eat while she was away or warm enough clothes to keep from becoming ill.

In one case of a young couple, married last March, the woman was three months pregnant at the time of the relief crisis. The man had been a steady worker although he had been unemployed for a time and finally had gotten on WPA; public relief had been given to the extent of \$1.27 every two weeks. When relief was cut off, the man pawned his overcoat so that his wife would have food. The man himself was sick with a bad case of flu when he went to the public relief agency. He spent hours waiting only to be told no more food orders were available. They needed coal as well. The man was desperate. He got as many old ties as he could from friends to burn for heat. His wife was very sick by this time. The furniture company came and threatened to take the furniture which they finally did. By that time the woman was on the verge of pneumonia when they appealed to the private agency.

HOME THREATENED

The following case gives a picture of one of the most depressing situations reported. Mr. and Mrs. X. were expecting their baby in March. They have been married for three years. They bought furniture as Mr. X. was a punchpress operator and made good money. Mrs. X. worked at a candy store. Four months ago Mrs. X. became pregnant. One month later Mr. X. complained of a pain in his shoulder and at his wife's insistence that he go with her to the dispensary, it was discovered that he had a cancer of the bone and his left arm had to be amputated. This left him without work, so it was necessary to apply for public relief to supplement Mrs. X's earnings. In October, Mr. X. received a job at \$16 a month as an elevator man. His prognosis was not good. Mrs. X. looked forward to having a baby for him. In November, Mrs. X. had to quit her job because of her pregnancy. Public relief gave them no coal. They were back in rent. They had \$1.27 food order for two weeks. Both Mr. and Mrs. X. needed nourishing food—they began to feel discouraged. Mrs. X. tried to keep Mr. X. happy as she knew he was a very sick person. Because the young couple had, before Mr. X's sudden physical disability, been self-sufficient, the relief crisis made them very discouraged. Adequate food for Mrs. X. was necessary. They were three months behind in rent and feared they would have to move. Although they have paid for most of their furniture, they owe a balance which may threaten their losing this.

Probably one of the most serious problems which came to our notice, reports one of the nurses, was that of a post-partum case, a mother who had nothing to eat during the time she was confined to her bed, other than black coffee and cereal, which was eaten without milk or sugar. Toward the end of her stay in bed she became very sick and was nauseated from eating this same bill-of-fare every day. The father of the home was doing the family washing with clear water as they had no soap.



STILL STARVING.—Mrs. Edith Viol and her two sons, 9-month-old James and 2-year-old Donald, sit on the steps of a Cleveland relief bureau after walking miles from their home in hope of getting food during the recent relief crisis.

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BABY IN COLD HOME

A report from one of the hospitals described the situation of a woman who had just had a baby at the time of the relief crisis and was ready to go home. Because there was no coal, the hospital was forced to keep the baby more than a week in order to give it proper food and shelter. Sending the baby home would have meant certain death. In addition, the lack of proper food for the mother and her worry over the situation finally had resulted in her being unable to nurse the baby. He probably never will get the breast milk he needs since the mother's diet consisted of too much cheap food, such as bread, cereals, and coffee and of too little milk. Several other cases of mothers forced to wean their babies because of inadequate diet for themselves were reported by the nurse.

In fourteen cases the family was known to contain at least one tuberculosis patient. The following are typical of these situations.

In this family there were three children under eight years of age all of whom were tuberculosis contacts. Although the father is supposedly an arrested tubercular patient, he has not returned to the clinic for a period of one year. The mother had worked on WPA but six weeks ago was ill, missed five days, and was automatically laid off. She was re-assigned to the project only a short time ago but had not yet received her first pay. During this time, the Emergency Division of Charities and Relief had been supplying relief. The mother appeared to be pale, thin, and tired and it seemed to be a question as to how long she would be able to work and in addition carry the home responsibilities for her family. The six-year-old boy who is in school is in the open air class but this year, due to the fact that the school board has had no money for supplementary feedings for the open air children, he has had nothing except fresh air. According to the school he is eight pounds underweight and has lost one pound within the last month.

ILLNESS RAMPANT

In another family, consisting of man, wife and child, the woman has twice been institutionalized for tuberculosis and was receiving treatment regularly. She was supposed to have an adequate diet and regular rest. The child is checked regularly as a tuberculosis contact. The family was about to be evicted by court order. Light and gas turn off was threatened and prevented only because "woman did not admit representative from utilities company."

Another case, consisted of a man, woman, son, and pregnant daughter. This family for several years has been fighting incipient tuberculosis. All of the family were in the sanatorium for short periods at one time or another.

other. Mrs. X. had been ill in bed for some time.

In 44 situations flu, colds, pleurisy and pneumonia and other lung conditions were reported in families where relief had been cut. In one family of man, wife and two children, when the crisis occurred, there was extreme illness in the family. The older child had just recovered from the flu and was very weak. The younger child had now come down with a fever which the city doctor thought was the flu. There was no food in the house with which to help these children regain their health. The man's morale seemed to be almost completely gone and the woman was swamped by all the problems in the situation. In one case of a family of a man, wife and two children, the man had formerly been employed as a driver for various beverage companies but had become unemployable through ill health. During the past year, the man was extremely ill because he had acute attacks of pleurisy. When he was hospitalized he improved. When he returned home and unless there was sufficient coal and unless the temperature was right he was again subject to attacks. When no coal was sent, the family felt that they might somehow manage with their food if the private agency could provide coal. They felt that because of man's critical physical condition and the fact that he had recently been returned from the hospital they should follow out the doctor's order of sufficient coal to keep the house warm for him.

"UNEMPLOYABLE"

One of the hospitals reported the following case. A man of thirty-nine years had been in the medical clinic since July when a diagnosis of lung abscess was made. An X-ray in October showed a marked improvement in the man's condition and the doctor stated he could do very light work. The man was unable to find work and was cut off of relief in the relief crisis. The lack of food and the physical strain of looking for work had such a marked effect on the man's condition that he was no longer employable.

Another hospital reported the case of a twelve-year-old girl who was an asthmatic attending the allergy clinic. The poor home conditions and lack of food caused recurrence of her condition and loss of weight. She has now become markedly worse and unless a greater allowance is made for better living quarters with good ventilation and proper food, she will not respond to treatment.

In one case a 15-year-old girl, who is paralyzed, was suffering from the lack of heat. The rest of the family were able to go to the home of friends for part of the time, but she was unable to leave the house.

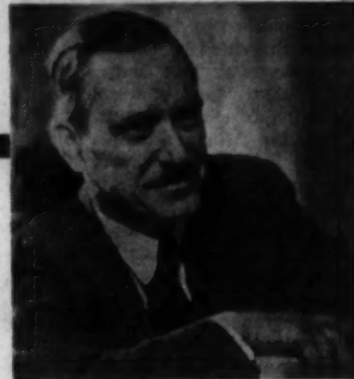
There were 13 cases reported where cardiac conditions were aggravated by the insecurity resulting from the relief crisis. In the case of a single man, for example, of 67 years, the agency's lack of funds made him homeless and without food. He suffered from a bad heart condition and must attend the hospital three times a week for treatment and care. He was extremely disturbed and worried over the uncertainty of his circumstances and this, in turn, had a bad effect on his health.

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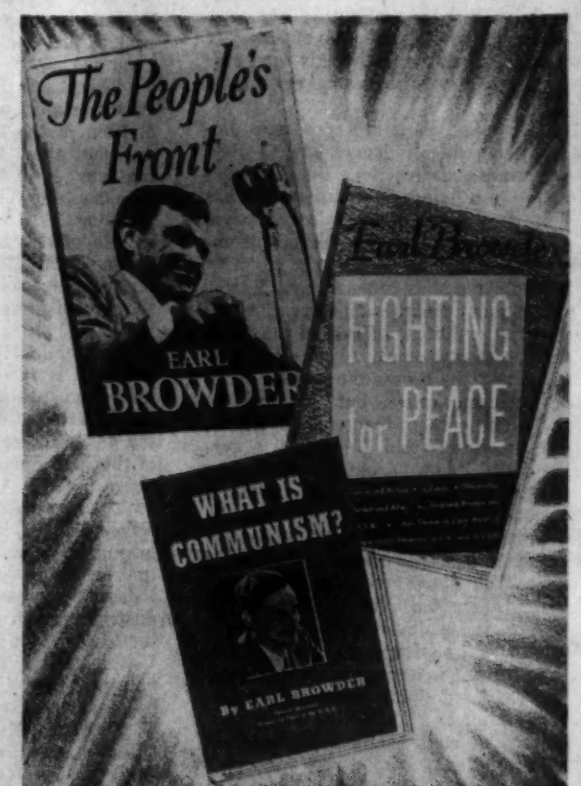
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Selling U. S. Ships for War Trade—A Menace to Peace

The latest action of the U. S. Maritime Commission on the sale of American ships to a newly-formed Norwegian Company is an outrage. It drags the whole country another leap toward the abyss of war.

Roosevelt and the Government were blocked in the recent attempt to transfer ships to Panama registry and then turn them into vessels of war trade. Popular indignation stopped it.

But the latest trick of forming a Norwegian corporation controlled by Wall Street money defies the popular will for peace even more cynically. The excuse that Wall Street has "only" 40 per cent of the new corporation will fool no one who has even a child's understanding of underhanded financial methods of control. The fact is that the Government is deliberately allowing the pledges of the recently passed Neutrality "cash-and-carry" act to be trampled into the dust. The Roosevelt Government, less than three months ago, promised the people that we would stay out of the war zone. The new corporation puts Wall Street investments deeply into the heart of the war of the North Sea.

How long will it be before the blood of American youth will be called upon to defend the "civilization" of bloody war profits across the seas?

Mr. Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, speaking for the seamen of the Atlantic Coast, Gulf and Great Lakes, bitterly condemns the entire action in words which speak for every American who wants peace.

"It is our opinion that such a step as this transfer is a step toward involving us in the European war," he said yesterday. He pointed the finger in an unmistakable manner:

"There are elements in this country, and the Maritime Commission is one of them, which are working day and night to bring us into the war on the side of Great Britain."

War in 1917 came step by step. War today can come step by step. It can be stopped only by protesting at each and every single Government act which brings it nearer. Trade unions and other organizations should wire their emphatic protest to the Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C., and to President Roosevelt.

The Future—Dark for Capitalism, Bright for Mankind

In looking at the unfolding of 1940, the capitalist press unwittingly presents a candid camera picture of the rottenness of its own system, and the fear which haunts its billionaire rulers.

They talk, as the New York Times does, of the "crisis in human affairs." They mutter darkly, as the Tribune does, of how "we find ourselves gazing more blankly than ever into uncertainties which seem very nearly complete."

The capitalist class still possesses immense powers, which it knows how to wield only for criminal destruction. But, the capitalist class is a dying class; its system has long since reached the stage of decay. A system which dooms millions to permanent unemployment, which keeps the vast majority of the people in a state of permanent fear of the morrow, and makes semi-starvation the typical living conditions of half of the families in America is doomed. Above all, a system which not only breeds the horrors of recurring economic crises, but can find no other solution for them than to plunge mankind into another World War—such a system has sealed its own doom. It must make way for a higher form of social organization, for Socialist society, the society which in the Soviet Union demonstrates to all the world that mankind can get along much better without a Wall Street, without billionaires, sweatshop owners, landlords, bankers—without, in short, the capitalist system of private property in the country's means of production. The "crisis" is not in "human affairs," it is the crisis of dying capitalism which dreads the future.

The working class has no such fears, no such uncertainties.

One has but to contrast the confident outlook of the Soviet press, speaking for the millions of the USSR, with the gloomy forebodings of the Wall Street press. The one speaks for life, for Socialism achieved, for mankind's hopes and achievements; the other of uncertainty, confusion, despair, death.

The working class possesses the science which gives it consciousness of its own historic mission as the grave-digger of Capitalism. It is the science bequeathed to it by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and now enriched and defended by Stalin. It shows the path to vic-

tory and to a better world, freed of wars and hunger.

The new year will bring new difficulties, new struggles. But the working class everywhere has reason to rejoice in the future. The future belongs to it. Part of its future already exists, powerful and magnificent, in the Soviet Union and its Red Army which sweeps back the plots of the war-mongers and liberates the oppressed peoples of Europe from the London-Wall St. bankers.

The working class is confident, calm because it possesses this scientific knowledge of the capitalist system; and will know how to use it to lead mankind forward to peace and plenty.

'Witnesses' Against The Communist Party

The victory which has been won by the unions and the people in the Harry Bridges case (though still dependent on the decision of the Labor Department) is a bitter disappointment to the reactionaries.

The Herald Tribune, for example, is especially annoyed over the fact that Dean Landis was compelled to denounce the various witnesses presented by the government and the shipowners as "self confessed liar," "far from reliable," "neither a candid nor a forthright witness," etc. To get around this startling fact, the Tribune attempts to make it appear that the Communist Party is a "secret" party and that therefore any witnesses against it must necessarily be stoolpigeons.

There is nothing "secret" or "conspiratorial" about the Communist Party. The Party comes before the people at all times with clean hands, and with nothing to hide. Its policies, program and actions are matters of public knowledge. If one is looking for secrecy and conspiracy, one must turn to the Democratic and Republican parties.

It is just because the Communist Party is open and aboveboard that those who would malign and destroy it must resort to the most disreputable array of stoolpigeons, spies, ex-convicts and perjurers.

It is with such elements that the Dies Committee works. And it is these same underworld type of witnesses that are now being used by the Department of Justice against the Party and the trade union movement.

Landis agreed with the well-known fact that Bridges is not a Communist. But there he left the matter, as if to say: if he were a Communist, that might be a crime. But membership in the Communist Party is not a crime. It is the right of every militant worker to belong to this working class party.

Landis should not have evaded the issue of whether the Communist Party is a party of "force and violence." For the government pursued the attack on the Party with the same energy—and unscrupulousness—which it attempted to "prove" Bridges' membership. In fact, Landis would have had to denounce the witnesses against the Party in the same strong terms with which he attacked the witnesses against Bridges. For in most cases they were the exact same witnesses. In all cases, they were of the same disreputable type.

Nor will anyone ever be able to present any more credible evidence against the Party. For the charge of "subversion" is entirely baseless to begin with. Only a perjurer or paid stoolpigeon will testify otherwise.

Miss Perkins' Report

From the way William Green rails at Secretary of Labor Perkins, one would expect to find her report on the labor split a good one.

This is not the case. It is true that Miss Perkins states some facts with regard to the division in the labor movement. Facts are sufficient at all times to send Green into a tantrum. It is also true that Miss Perkins speaks of the AFL and the CIO as of equal standing. In Green's eyes, this is the greatest sin of all. For Green still insists on dealing with the CIO as if it were an inferior and speaks of labor unity only in terms that would mean a subordinate position for the CIO.

But while Miss Perkins' report enrages Green, it is far from satisfactory. For the most fundamental fact of all is missing. This is the fact that the responsibility for bringing about the split, rested on the shoulders of the AFL Executive Council and on no one else.

The report also ignores the fact that conditions have changed since the division was originally perpetrated by Green, Woll and the rest of the Council. The issues are bigger today. No longer is it a matter only of industrial unionism for the mass production industries. Today, the question of labor unity—while more urgent than ever—also revolves around the broader issues of social progress and of peace.

With the Executive Council committed to a policy of social retrogression and of American involvement in the war, it is clear that labor unity cannot be based on such conditions. Moreover, since the Roosevelt Administration itself is now in harmony with the Executive Council on these crucial questions, labor cannot afford to have the Administration impose the conditions of labor unity.

Labor unity must be on such a basis as will guarantee the continued organization of the unorganized, the further development of the social program of the people, and, above all, a struggle against the step-by-step involvement of the country in the imperialist war.

Questions and Answers

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Of the numerous questions received by Comrade Foster only the more important, because of space limitations, can be answered in his column. Later on the chief questions and answers will appear in pamphlet form.

Question—Is this not a "phony" war between the Allies and Nazi Germany?

Answer—Contrary to the sadistic newspaper writers, who are visibly disappointed that the armies on the western front are not butchering each other wholesale, the present Allied-Nazi war is thoroughly real. The two great imperialist groups are definitely in collision. Great Britain's blockade is a devastating weapon and, if not successfully countered, it could bring Germany to her knees; and Germany's mine and submarine campaign also could be no less disastrous to Great Britain. Already the war has done enormous damage, and even if it were to end now it would be followed by profound economic and political repercussions.

If the Allies and Germany have not yet flung their full military force against each other along the Maginot and Siegfried lines, the basic reason therefor is not, as commonly alleged, because of the dreadful military losses it would involve to shatter their respective great fortifications or because Hitler wants to avoid fighting France. The main cause of the "stillstand" is political, not military. In the hearts of the imperialists on both sides resides a deadly fear of the revolution that threatens if they dare to massacre their peoples on the gigantic scale they did in 1914-18. And they see this revolutionary fear symbolized and crystallized in the being of the Soviet Union.

Fear of revolution, plus an imperialist hunger to carve up the U. S. S. R., are playing a decisive role in shaping the course of this war. Hitler is trying to exploit the red scare to terrorize Great Britain and France into making a peace satisfactory to him, while Chamberlain is striving to compel Nazi Germany to reverse its guns and turn them against the Soviet Union, which the Tories conceive as the source of the revolutionary danger, and whose rich territories they would like to help divide. To force Germany into conflict with the Soviet Union has become the chief Allied objective in the war, and in order to get a German Government that will do its bidding against the U. S. S. R., Great Britain has announced its determination to overthrow Hitler.

What will come of all this? Whether, unable to get a common front against the Soviet Union, the Allies and Germany will finally unleash all their terrors against each other, whether the fear of proletarian revolution will compel them to soon patch up a peace, or whether the great capitalist states will join forces and march against the Soviet Union, is still a matter of speculation. But in any event the war is plenty real; it is doing gigantic damage to the capitalist system, and it is fraught with the most tremendous consequences to humanity and civilization.

Letters From Readers

Let's Have More of These Good Features—

Editor, Sunday Worker:

In the Dec. 26 issue of the Daily Worker there were a few pictures of the Soviet Union. I'd like to see these pictures often. One picture is worth a thousand words. Keep up these pictures.

Questions and Answers by Comrade Foster, swell. Keep that up too.

I'd like to see more articles, simple and direct. Several years ago, the late M. J. Olgin wrote a pamphlet that sold for a nickel, "What Is Communism." This was a pamphlet everyone could read and understand.

"The Yanks Are Not Coming" published by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, is another good example of simplified and interesting reading matter. G. B.

Will They Send the Indians 'Back Where They Came From'?

Editor, Daily Worker:

It was reported in the press that the Tulalip Indians on a reservation near Marysville are demanding that our country stay out of the war. These "reds" are obviously "foreign agents." Where is Mr. Dies— isn't he going to take some action?

We can't permit anybody to interfere with the Wall Street profits. In the last World War we helped to rid Germany of the Kaiser, and incidentally saved the world for the Morgans and Rockefeller and duPonts. This time our sacred task is obviously to help Chamberlain to bring back the Kaiser to Germany and incidentally again save the world for Wall Street.

These Tulalip Indians, by demanding that our country stay out of the war, show that they are agents of some foreign power. Couldn't the Honorable J. Parnell (Peeney) Thomas and the Department of Justice have them indicted on some passport technicality, or something? I. G.

In Double-Quick Time

What political organization can alone be depended upon by the American people to fight uncompromisingly for their interests in these critical days?

The answer is, of course, the Communist Party.

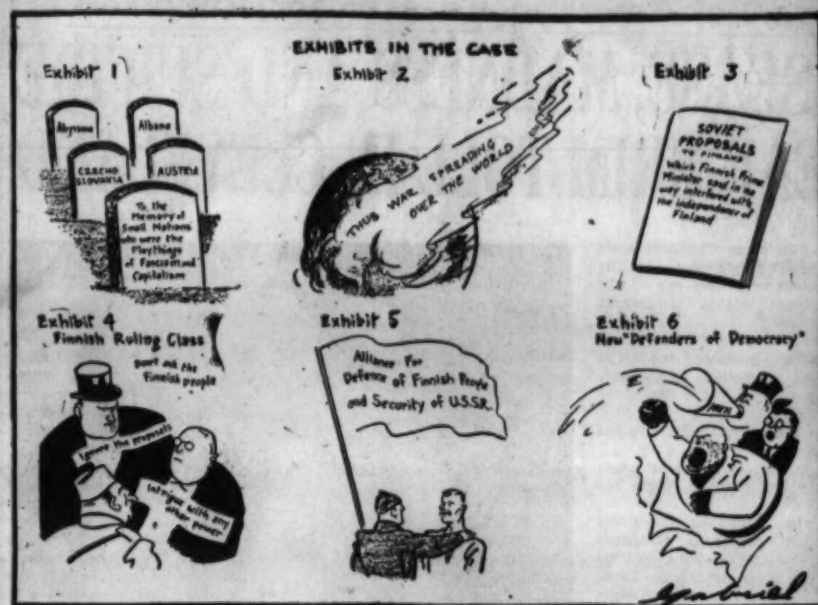
Yet, after the excellent achievement of our Party comrades in the Party financial drive the completion of the drive now lags seriously. Combined receipts for the past two weeks barely totalled \$12,000 as compared with previous weeks of \$15,000 and \$20,000 each. (This was done by a party which is supposed to have "collapsed"!)

We still have \$40,000 more to raise to complete the campaign.

Each day the national and international situations—the fight for peace and for the domestic progress of the country—place new tasks and organizational responsibilities upon the Party. Delay in finishing the drive cripples the main fight of the people to keep America out of war, and to safeguard the Bill of Rights. The very completion of the drive will become itself another powerful blow to the reactionary war-mongers. Let's raise the \$40,000 balance in double-quick time.

Consider Your Verdict

—Gabriel in the London Daily Worker



Auto Barons' 'Council' Is Branded Conspiracy Against Labor by Addes

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Jan. 1. — The "Detroit Conspiracy for Industrial War," is the name George F. Addes, general secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers of the CIO, suggested for the galaxy of open shoppers who style themselves as the "Detroit Council for Industrial Peace."

Addes made his suggestion in the speech he delivered here at the mass meeting arranged by the Civil Rights Federation, while outside goon squads of Reverends Homer Martin, Gerald L. K. Smith, Frank Norris and Father Charles Coughlin, howled like mad dogs. The full text of the speech which is a resume of the UAW's stand, appeared in the current issue of the United Automobile Worker.

Addes further declared, that the cry of "Communism" against CIO leaders is inspired by the same conspirators as part of their campaign to return the open shop to Detroit.

Referring to the secret organization of open shoppers whose members now shout loudest for an F.B.I. "anti-subversion" drive against the union, Addes said:

"If its promoters who are notorious open shoppers and scabbers had called it the Detroit Conspiracy for Industrial War, they would have been much nearer the truth, as they themselves know only too well."

Addes traced the development of auto workers organization to show that the UAW has been the main influence in democratic progress in this city. He said:

WHAT THE UNION DID
"If anybody can claim credit for bringing industrial democracy and American institutions to Detroit, it is the organized workers."

"The UAW-CIO has brought to this town whatever democracy its citizens now enjoy, and as an officer of the UAW-CIO I regard it as part of my duty to help keep that democracy for Detroit and to enlarge its blessings for all who live here."

"Before the auto workers became a powerful force for democracy in this city, Detroit was known all over the country as an industrial slave-pen, as a place where no worker could call his soul his own. His job was not secure. His wages were low. The speedup was fit to kill even strong men. Labor spies haunted every worker who dreamed about a union. The man who talked union was hounded and blacklisted, beaten up, and in some instances killed."

"That was Detroit before the UAW-CIO asserted itself."

"And that is Detroit as the employers and the bankers would like to have it again—if only they can undermine and smash the union."

"It is the union that is hated by the enemies of democracy. It is the union that stands in their way. It is the union that prevents a return of the old industrial dictatorship that was broken by the great strikes of 1937, and by the great organizational work done by the UAW-CIO from the day that we joined the CIO, three and a half years ago."

"And so, when the would-be fascists and would-be dictators gather in secret to plan the overthrow of democracy in Detroit, the first thing they think about is how to smash organized labor. If they only can get labor organizations out of the way, they know they will have easy sailing the rest of the way."

"And that is why I stand here tonight to give notice to these enemies of our American institutions, notice to the Rev. Father Coughlin, notice to the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, notice to the Rev. Frank Norris, and yes—notice also to the Rev. Homer Martin, that they and the Wall Street corporations that stand behind them and support their efforts, will never succeed in their union-busting plot."

Addes described how Farist Gerald Smith called on "200,000 auto workers" in the Detroit area to write and wire protests to him against his scheduled appearance at the civil rights rally. But "exactly eight people phoned in and



GEORGE F. ADDES

nobody wrote me," Addes said. Addes then directed a reply to the cry of "Communism" so frequently raised against him and other CIO leaders:

"I know that Smith and others are busy in a whispering campaign—whispering that I am a stooge for the Communist Party. That is a favorite device of those who would destroy the labor movement. They always raise the false cry of Communism. To most reactionaries the true issues don't make any difference. The real issues may be nothing more than a small wage increase or a demand for shorter hours. To the Tories that is Communism."

"I shall make my position clear on that point. As is well known, I am not a Communist, nor a believer in Communism, I never have been. My sole interest is in unionism. I would not tolerate Communist attempts to interfere in the affairs of our union, any more than I would agree to have the Republican, Democratic or Socialist parties dominate the affairs of our union."

"That is not only my position. It is the position of Pres. Thomas and of every other official of our international union. Because of that, we can say today that there is not the slightest political influence in the affairs of the UAW-CIO. That is the truth, and those who speak otherwise speak falsely."

"I am here, as I have already stated, because as a union man I know that the hope of democracy in Detroit is the continuance and strengthening of the auto workers union."

THE "REVERENDS"

Addes then proceeded to show how all the anti-labor forces, including "Reverend" this and "Reverend" that lined up to break the recent 54-day Chrysler strike.

"Now, in its essence, what was the Chrysler lockout and strike? It was nothing more than an ordinary dispute between an auto manufacturer and his organized employees, that could have been settled in an ordinary manner without loss of time and money. Why, then, wasn't it settled in that way? Why did the auto workers have to stay out through 54 days of lockout and strike, before they got their wage increases, their improved grievance procedure and an equal voice with the corporation in determining, on appeal, whether production standards and other issues were fair or unfair?"

"Well, when we saw those full-page ads appearing in the Detroit News, and Free Press, and Times, we knew something was up. And when we saw the full-page ads followed by front-page editorials, singling the same back-to-work song as the ads—then we knew that Chrysler had the daily papers of Detroit on its side—pledged to join in the fight to smash the union. Whether it was the full page ads or some other pressure, or just the natural anti-labor slant of the papers, that lined them up against the union makes no particular difference."

"Then what did we see? All sorts of reactionary creatures crawled out of their dens and went on the air against the union. I don't have to name them. You heard them

chanting their back-to-work song against the union, hoping to destroy the UAW-CIO, the fortress of democracy."

"FORD'S FAVORITE TRICK"

"Nor was that all. When the few misguided Negroes assembled in that pitiful flop of a back-to-work movement at the Dodge gates, we saw a liberal sprinkling along the sidewalks of Ford servicemen, men whose paid business it is to stir up trouble for union men, day in and day out. And they were using Ford's favorite trick of trying to stir up race hatred, in order if possible to provoke a race riot, so that democracy would have to give way in Detroit to the state troops and martial law."

"There they stood, Ford servicemen in alliance with the Chrysler Corp. in the attempt to destroy our union. Nobody in Detroit has to be told whether the Ford Motor Co. is for democracy, or against it. "The daily papers—the radio rabble-rousers, the Ford servicemen! Quite a lineup for Chrysler to rely on in the fight against the union."

Addes went into details with a description of the dogmatism that has been organized to intimidate UAW members, how carloads of these elements parked in front of the union's offices; of the discovered plans to wreck the printshop where the union's paper is published and for similar vigilante mob action.

He read from a list of names for incorporation papers that the "Detroit Council for Industrial Peace" has filed and pointed to names which for decades symbolized the open shop, strikebreaking and union-smashing.

"This council is reported to have a war chest of a quarter million dollars for its so-called aim of 'industrial peace.' It has embarked on a campaign of smearing the unions, of setting wives against their union husbands of undermining the principles of unionism in the hearts of union members."

"It plans to operate not only through the children in union families. It hopes to do so by stealing into the schools and sneaking its propaganda over to the school children."

"It plans to continue its advertising propaganda, and it was all set to start a big radio program. The idea of the radio program was to get a lot of goons into the studios and have them pour out their troubles over the air, how they were mistreated by the union, how they suffered when they tried to carry on their well known activities, and in general how they were supposedly kicked around by union members. These goons were to tell their alleged personal experiences, and they were not to give their names."

"Our Auto Worker paper spilled the beans just before the radio program was to begin, and we understand that it has been postponed for a while."

Addes warned that the campaign of these saboteurs of Detroit's industrial peace, is aimed at all unionism.

"Remember that this council is directing its fire against unionism in Detroit. Remember also that the only union that can successfully battle against reaction in Detroit is the UAW-CIO."

"We auto workers and the rest of the union workers in Detroit are not afraid. We have friends and we have our own strength. "We are determined not to let the enemies of democracy attack the fortress of democracy—which is the CIO—without giving them reason to be sorry they ever started anything. We believe in unionism, and we believe that unionism in Detroit is the shield and fortress of democracy. We will defend our rights, as union men and as citizens in the democracy of America, to the last ditch."

"We shall fight again, if need be, but we hope the enemies of democracy will take heed and not provoke us again to battle for American institutions and the American way of life."

CHANGE THE WORLD

The Correspondents Have
Won Every Battle for the
Finnish White Guards

By MIKE GOLD

A FRIEND of mine has taken some of the leisure time in which he does cross-word puzzles and devoted it to adding up the Red Army casualties as reported by the American correspondents reporting the war from Helsinki's best barrooms.

He finds, according to their Scotch-and-soda reports, that the Russians have already lost some three million soldiers killed, and nearly eight million wounded.

This accounts for the haste with which the Russians are said to have thrown in an extra regiment of picked troops, as well as ten thousand cases of iron rations in the form of eggs and Swedish crisp-rye. They are feeling keenly the loss of 11 million combatants, and are mobilizing the camels of Tadzhikistan.

Some of the casualties came about in the most curious ways ever encountered in any war, reports my researcher friend.

In one case, six "brave little Finns," veterans of the Fascist Lapua movement, surrounded 1,200 Red Army soldiers. The Reds had been sent into the damp, cold forests without galoshes. They were sneezing, and trying to warm their feet when captured. On being promised galoshes, they gave up all resistance.

In another instance, a squad of "brave little Finns" were outraged by the news that the Russians were marching on the great nickel mines at Petsamo, and threatening to take these away from the British bankers. The Finnish White Guards threw away their rifles, machine-guns and other modern weapons, and patriotically decided to fight in the classic Finnish style. They swooped down on their skirts and cut the Russians to pieces with Finnish knives. The Red Army men had never seen a knife or a ski, being simple savages from Asia, where knives have not yet penetrated.

Then there is the case of a Finnish captain, also a Fascist veteran. Full of aqua vita and other patriotic drinks, he was making a last stand, all by himself and a few hundred Coughlinites in the sold forest. They were outnumbered 567 to 1. Against them was arrayed a regiment of savage Soviet Moors from Kazakhstan; another regiment of illiterate Soviet Eskimos from Minak; and four companies of unshaven and fanatic Mohammedan barbarians and Tartar tamudists from the far steppes of Bialystok.

The Finnish captain had given up all hope. His rear was badly damaged, his communications down, and his whiskey finished. Suddenly a band of angels appeared over him. They were angels of the right political conviction, for each had a fascist badge pinned on his chest. The angels went right into action.

Gathering under their cheer leader, they whooped their slogans in chorus:

"Down with the Asiatic Barbarians Who Are Threatening the Petsamo Nickel Mines! Hurrah for Baron Mannerheim, Who Has Guaranteed the Petsamo Nickel Mines! Long Live Freedom and Low Wages for the Workers! Long Live the Bank of England! Long Live the Bank of France! Long Live and God Bless All the Bankers of the World!"

This was only the introduction; they were preparing to go into a series of statistical slogans proving that the Finnish workers were happy even if their wages had always been half of those of the Swedish workers.

But the Russians fled without firing a shot. Nobody can fight against angels, especially angels who have college yell.

So this is a sample of how the 14 million Russians were killed, wounded, captured and otherwise eliminated.

Never did newspaper correspondents fight a more remarkable war. And never did heroes accept their honors so gravely as these Finnish fascist generals, when accepting the stupendous victories thrust upon them.

It is rumored that the press correspondents are all to be made commanding officers in the Finnish White Guard army.

They have won every battle for the Finnish White Guards thus far. And they can go on winning this way for another year, or at least until the Scotch gives out in the Helsinki hotels.

Meanwhile, the war goes on, it deepens, it becomes grimmer.

It is not an easy war, because the geography and climate are bad, and the Finnish White Guards have been prepared for years with British help for exactly this war against the Soviet Union.

Who can imagine that the Finnish people will want it to go on indefinitely?

Who believes a Finnish farmer or worker wants to lay his life down for the Baron Mannerheim who murdered his own brother and father in the great anti-working class massacres of 1917?

Who can doubt the strength of the Red Army?

I believe the war correspondents have let themselves out on a limb by so alcoholically brushing all realities aside and winning this Finnish campaign so swiftly and easily.

What are they going to say in a month or two months?

And up to date, what evidences have they given us that the Finnish people are eager to fight for Mannerheim and his imperialist backers?

Or that there was much of a Finnish democracy under the leadership of this same Baron Mannerheim?

Not a correspondent seems to have cared to study a single page of Finnish history for the past twenty years.

They were all too busy fighting battles over the bottles. They also win the battles, and why ask them to stop such good clean fun?

Edward G. Robinson Stars In 'Big Town,' Over WABC

Edward G. Robinson in "Big Town" over WABC at 8 o'clock this evening.

MORNING
10:30-WFAP-Just Plain Bill
10:45-WFAP-Beats Boring Music
10:55-WFAP-Woman in White
11:00-WFAP-News; Music
11:05-WABC-String Music
11:15-WOR-Milton Kaye, Organ
11:30-WOR-Health Exercises; Piano

AFTERNOON
12:00-WFAP-Carters of Elm Street
WABC-Kate Smith Chat
12:15-WFAP-The O'Neills
12:30-WFAP-Talk-Dr. John S. Bonnell
WABC-News; Consumers' Quiz Club
WABC-Helen Trent's Romance
1:00-WFAP-Barial Orchestra
WABC-Drama; Variety Show
1:15-WFAP-Ellen Randolph
WJZ-Virginia Hays, Contralto
2:00-WOR-Concert from Chicago
WJZ-Dramatic Program
2:15-WFAP-Arnold Grinn's Daughter
2:30-WFAP-Valiant Lady
WABC-Your Family and Mine
3:00-WFAP-Mary Martin
WABC-Martha Deane's Program
WJZ-Bethencourt Rhumba Band
WABC-Joyce Jordan
3:30-WFAP-Pepper Young's Family
WJZ-Admiral of Anthony
WABC-News; Uncle Jonathan
3:45-WFAP-Vic and Sade
WOR-O'Hara Orchestra
WJZ-Poetry, Ted Malone
WABC-Richard Maxwell, Tenor
4:00-WFAP-Backstage Wife
WABC-News; Michla Barr Ensemble
WJZ-Club Matinee; Variety
WABC-Cleveland Institute Recital
WQXR-Dance; Concert Music
4:15-WFAP-Stella Dallas
4:30-WJZ-News; Child's Orchestra
4:45-WFAP-Jack Armstrong
WABC-Hollywood Variety
WQXR-Alfred Thompson, Piano

EVENING
8:00-WFAP-Music from Mexico
WQXR-Music to Remember
8:30-WQXR-News; Dinner Music

It's About Vicious Film, 'Gone With the Wind'

Dear Ruth:

Your clippings — mostly reviews of "Gone with the Wind" and articles about the controversy it has aroused — and your letter on the same subject, asking a number of questions, came today, and I am sitting down at once to answer.

You can imagine, then, how upset I was when I attended the New York premiere of "Gone With the Wind," and feared to applaud the Army of the Republic, or the name of Lincoln, because the audience had been roused to such a pitch of pro-slavery fervor that it would probably have torn me to pieces had I done so. Subsequently audiences, I understand, aren't nearly as enthusiastic, but this was a first-night, attended by wealthy men and women who, if they had lived in 1861, would no doubt have been Copperheads.

First of all, you ask whether I can't appreciate what you call the film's technique—the direction, the scenic effects, the acting—entirely apart from politics. Some of the acting was, to my mind, extraordinarily juvenile. But even if it weren't so—I am still not of the school which says: "Let the lynch-phrase be good." Doesn't that attitude remind you a little too much of Victor Mussolini, who, while flying over Ethiopian villages, paused to admire the artistic effects of bombs bursting red against the night sky?

Alleged Humor In the Film

You ask me to consider the picture's humor, and its pathos. I recall vividly the incidents to which you refer. In all of them I find the ordinary human values strangely twisted, as if reflected in a distorting mirror. Take what is generally considered the picture's highlight of humor—when Rhett Butler pretends to be drunk, and keeps the Union soldiers so busy they don't find out about the Klan meeting. The humor of this particular scene escapes me. I don't see anything funny in slapstick which helps an organization outlawed by the United States government, an organization which, according to the record, has hundreds of deliberate murders to its credit.

Throughout the film, by the way, it is made abundantly clear that every man with a spark of "decency" supported Klan violence. Even Leliet, the scamp, the outcast, is brought back into good society when he arranges himself with the Kluxers. Beneath that rough exterior, we are given to understand, beats the heart of a true slaveholder. Or take the gentle Melanie. This "very great lady," as Rhett calls her, uses her politeness, her reputation, her good manners, her social graces, to assist the murderous Klan. I cannot put it out of my mind that her exquisite drawing-room accomplishments resulted in the horrible burning of a settlement of Negroes and poor whites.

So much for the film's alleged humor. Now for its so-called pathos. A well-dressed woman beside me sniffled audibly through the scenes in which the O'Hara family pick cotton with their own hands after the slaves are freed. I noticed, though, that she didn't weep when the Negroes plied cotton. She wasn't supposed to. Negroes, in her viewpoint, are born to pick cotton, whereas white upper-class women are not supposed to work with their hands. I have no more sympathy for the O'Haras, brought at last to honest toil, than I have ever felt for the parasites of the Clear, driving taxis in Paris.

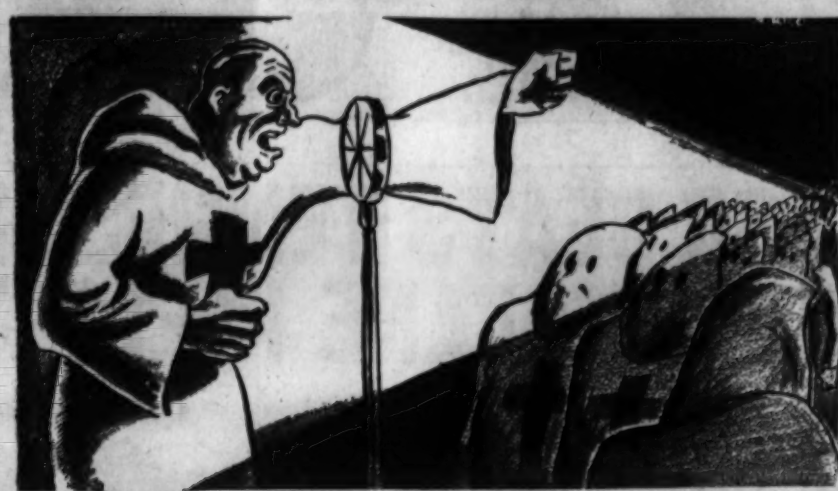
Slanders the Negro People

The picture's treatment of the Negro people was vilely slanderous. In one scene, Scarlett strikes her Negro girl-servant, Prissy, a terrific blow on the side of the

IN EAST SIDE

6:30-WFAP-Child's Orchestra
WOR-News Reports
WJZ-McCee Orchestra
6:45-WFAP-Lit. Abner
WOR-Barrie Orchestra
WABC-European News
1:00-WFAP-Fred Warine Orchestra
WOR-Sports, Stan Lomax
WQXR-Excerpts: Handel's Operas
7:15-WFAP-I Love a Mystery
WJZ-Mr. Keen
7:30-WFAP-Bonnie Orch.; Soloists
WJZ-Norak Orchestra
WABC-Second Husband
WQXR-Treasure of Music
7:45-WOR-Sports Comments
8:00-WFAP-Green Orchestra-Drama
WOR-Hilde Reggiani, Soprano; Antoinette Orchestra
WJZ-Aldrich Family
WABC-Big Town, with Edward G. Robinson, Ona Munson
WQXR-Symphony Hall
8:30-WFAP-Heldi Orchestra
WOR-Omid Orchestra; Songs
WJZ-Information Please, Clifton Fadiman, Director; John Kieran, Franklin P. Adams, Columnists; Carl Van Doren, Author; Gloria Stuart, Actress
9:00-WJZ-Avalanche of America, American Vespucius, with Burgess Meredith; Voorhees Orchestra
WABC-Wr. the People; Interviews
WQXR-Footlight Echoes
9:15-WOR-From France, Victor Lustich, Writer
9:30-WFAP-Fiber McCee and Molly
WOR-Moart Concerto (K-450), with Nadia Reisenberg, Piano
WABC-Raymond Scott Orchestra; Ned Wynn, Songs
WQXR-The Black, Alastair Cook
9:45-WQXR-Rose Hoot, Jerry Colonna, Comedian, and Others
WJZ-Roy Shinda Revue
WABC-Glenn Miller Orchestra
WQXR-Classical Music
10:30-WQXR-News; Music

A Letter to a Friend...



"It's a great picture, I tell you!"

head. In this one thing the picture is historically accurate—it was the privilege of all slave-holders, under the law to inflict physical punishment in any degree upon their slaves. The outrageous thing is that the film leads up to Scarlett's attack on Prissy in such a way as to justify it. According to an unwritten law of the theater, bodily chastisement of Negroes is an exception.

In contrast to Prissy, we are given as models of what Negroes should be, the Faithful Black Mammy, and Big Sam, and Pork, who knew their Place and refused freedom. There were, of course, a few Big Sams and Forks and Mammies, but there are scabs today, and the Judas story is an old one. Such Negroes were hated and shunned by all who are struggling for liberation. Ask any Negro what is meant by a "handkerchief head." The film holds them up as models in an insulting manner.

In the Reconstruction scenes, "carpet-baggers" move about among the Negroes, promising to help them gain the suffrage. This is supposed to be their "crime." There is, as you may know, a Fifteenth Amendment in our Constitution, designed to give the Negro people the right to vote. Yet I am afraid that if I had applauded the

speeches of the "carpet-baggers," and by implication our Fifteenth Amendment, an usher would have asked me to leave the theater quietly, without creating a disturbance. The film producers show the Negroes and "carpet-baggers" burning and looting and raping, so it is hard to understand how they found time to institute a school system, build hospitals, repair the roads and bridges, care for the poor, and lay the foundation of democracy in the South, all of which are matters of indisputable historic record.

Distorts U. S. History

I think the treatment of the Southern poor whites is shameful. I burned with anger when Scarlett ordered Emory Blatter, a poor white, away from her home. Emory, you see, had no right at the aristocracy's front door; according to the slave-holder's morality she had no right to make a cash offer for a decent house.

This entire film is, of course, predicated on the theory that the old South had a worthwhile civilization. The strangest part of it, Ruth, is that the more you study the records, the more you realize that the master-class depicted in this picture, the O'Haras and the rest—cultured and hospitable and

generous—is a sheer myth; it never existed. Statistics prove it—statistics of literature and invention and art and schools. Books of travel, written by the keenest observers of the day, also prove it—I mention Dickens as one of a score of such observers. The records of law courts prove it. The slave-owning class was neither cultured, nor hospitable, nor generous; nor could it have been, for it was the product of the most shameful and widespread through the newly discovered printing press.

Building on a passage in the original which shows Louis gloating over an uprising which he believes to be directed against his competitor the Bailiff of Paris, the script writers give us the King and the Archbishop of Paris lined up on the side of the people, progress, and even a suffering national minority, as against the barons, reaction, and injustice.

Having thus established that the two supreme powers in 18th century France were both benevolent and enlightened, the story becomes an argument for reaching their ears by petition and pamphlet, an argument against any revolutionary activity on the part of the people.

It is not the vagabonds who save Emeralds—and saved she is in this version. They only succeed in arousing the ire of the Hunchback and dying most unpleasantly. The problem is resolved by the poet Gringoire who writes a petition to the King, and by the Archbishop who fights for justice to the end.

The liberties taken with history are only equalled by the liberties taken with Hugo. Characters and incidents are so shuffled about that only an audience which has never read the book or seen the silent film could understand what is going on at times.

An All-Star Cast Represented

But if you can forget enough to accept the film on its own premises, it is a well-constructed, swiftly-moving melodrama with magnificent photography, fine technical directing, and some splendid acting. Unfortunate last-minute cutting makes sections of the continuity jump.

The cast is so star-studded with veterans of stage and screen that Charles Laughton has a hard time keeping Quasimodo in the foreground. His competition consists of Walter Hampden, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Fritz Lieber, Alan Marshall, Edmund O'Brien, and the enchanting Maureen O'Hara of the Abbey Players.

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—B. R.

Officers Fraternize on 'S.O.S. Mediterranean'

"S. O. S. MEDITERRANEAN," a French film with full English dialogue titles. Starring Pierre Fresnay. Directed by Leo Joannon. At the Cameo Theatre.

By David Platt

"S.O.S. Mediterranean" is spoken in three languages, is well acted and directed and shows French, British and German naval officers fraternizing at the international port of Tangiers.

The film was obviously made to further the aims of Munich and the Daladier Government shortly after that disaster, cooperated magnanimously by supplying the use of the sea, a luxury liner, an old merchant tanker, several units of the French National Fleet and a squadron of planes. Upon its release "S. O. S. Mediterranean" was awarded the Grand Prix du Cinema Français. Then came the outbreak of the second imperialist war. The film was transformed overnight from an appeasement gesture to Germany into a mild attack on international hatreds and as such was banned by the same French authorities who assisted in its production.

Officers Only Fraternize

However since "S. O. S. Mediterranean" was originally intended as an appeasement film, it is a weak indictment of the things that make for war. The film shows naval officers fraternizing but not the common sailors. If the producers had really set out to make a peace film which "S. O. S. Mediterranean" pretends to be, they would have had to show fraternization among the rank and file. If they had done this the basic truths of the film would have stood the test of every political change. Because "S. O. S. Mediterranean" shows only officers fraternizing, such a film as this could at the proper time be used in the interests of imperialist war. If the British ruling class should succeed in winning the German bourgeoisie over to their plans for a joint imperialist campaign against the Soviet Union, "S. O. S. Mediterranean" could be seconded and transformed into a pro-Allied film.

The story is an interesting one nevertheless. Three naval officers, subjects of German, French and British imperialism are forced through a series of melodramatic circumstances to work together to save a boatload of people from death by a floating cloud of poison gas against which masks are useless. In pooling their resources in the interest of good, the officers come to realize the futility of their hatreds for each other. It is easy to see where the logic of this situation can lead, viewed in the light of changed conditions abroad.

Pierre Fresnay is splendid as the French officer. Kim Peacock is the British commander and several of his lines drew ironic laughter from the audience: "She's not English—let's intimidate her" (referring to a pirate ship). "As an Englishman I am an expert on fogs." (The audience caught on perfectly). Rolf Wanka, a non-Sudeten Czech, performs a German officer capably.

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FILM STAR

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Sterne's Washington Murals Stir Violent Pros and Cons

By Oliver F. Mason

The talk of the artists these days is mostly centered around Maurice Sterne's murals which he did for the New Department of Justice Building in Washington. There are 20 panels and all are being exhibited at the Fine Arts Building. Most of the artists' comments are violently un-

favorable. Our art critics were not very enthusiastic, either. Henry McBride just describes the work, Jerome Klein pans it, Emily Genauer is uncertain about it. Edward Alden Jewell, art editor of the New York Times is the only one who has praise for the murals, but he throws upon the theme, "The Struggle for Justice" which "has an ancient ring and sounds stodgy enough to frighten artists away."

To Honor William Gropper

The "Morning Freiheit" is planning to honor William Gropper on February 17, at the Mecca Temple.

The occasion will be his twentieth year as a proletarian cartoonist and artist. . . . A plan for traveling exhibitions has been developed by the American Federation of Arts and is now in experimental operation, according to an announcement. Its aim is to increase sales of artists' work. Though interest in art is widespread and has increased exhibition attendance, the result in sales has not been adequate. . . .

The January issue of "Direction" will be an art number. . . . The January issue of "Art Instruction" will bear a new name, "American Artists." . . . The American Artists' Congress is arranging for two symposia at the Museum of Modern Art. . . . The Museum of Art at Providence, R. I., will place on view in February an exhibition of cartoons by American cartoonists. Art Young will be represented with thirty of his best works.

New Art Exhibitions

The New Year has been ushered in with a surprising number of exhibitions. Usually the first week of the year is reserved for lame Christmas shows. If this eagerness on the part of the galleries to get going indicates anything, it means that art dealers are in an optimistic mood. Some of the exhibitions which opened this week include Max Beckman who is showing his new paintings at the Buchholz Gallery; John Carroll's recent paintings are at Rehn's paintings; Stephen Ertler are at Milch Gallery, and Emlen Eting at the Midtown. The Downtown Gallery is opening an exhibition of the work of Mitchell Siporin, young and

The new dance year grew richer by one personality at the very start with the outstanding debut of Carmelita Maracci at the St. James Theatre Sunday afternoon. Heralded on the West Coast where she lives and works, Miss Maracci is more than a Spanish dancer of exceeding excellence.

Culling from the rich tradition and panoply of Spanish dance her brilliant casten and footwork, she is not a Spanish dancer of the rose-in-the-mouth type. Instead a passionate expression, almost savage and primitive at times, soars to the most exquisite delivery of the classic ballet manner in the dances of her people. In a small and closely knit figure, she combines movements—acrobatic and mundane, grotesque and romantic. Strange at first to behold with extremely mobile facial expressions, the holiday audience was captivated by this authentic dancer of extraordinary caliber before the concert was over.

Miss Maracci is a definite personality in the modern dance and gives the uninitiated a chance to admire the modern dance which almost too often leaves the laymen at a loss.

Uses Native Themes

Using the Spanish medium as the background for her dances she interpreters her people's moods and manners in work of her own creation. "Therian Folk Themes," "Cante Jondo" are such pieces. "Another Goyascas" is the dance of a Spanish dandy with all the flash and color of this type. "Two Caprices," short satiric pieces brought the audience to its feet with shouts of encore and bravo. Her sense of theaterics was best demonstrated by her dance on the piano stool. One of the most expressive solos of the concert was "Dance of Elegance," portrait of a dancer who attempts to reconcile the ecstasy of the dance for its own sake, showing Miss Maracci's masterful technique and sly satire.

For her first concert on Broadway, the young dancer might have presented more of the classic ballet pieces she performed here on another occasion. So noteworthy were they then that their repetition would have been a keen pleasure. The three girls accompanying Miss Maracci show talent, but their movements are still alien to the Spanish mood and expression.

Antonio Albanese, pianist and composer, ably assisted Miss Maracci at the piano—L. M.

Scene from "Boom-Boom Clapper," slum saga of the East Side to be presented by the East Side Dramatic Group at the Grand Street Playhouse of the Henry Street Settlement, 466 Grand St., beginning January 3th.

THE ALLABEN PLAYERS CUT UP



Scene from one of the riotous skits put on by the Allaben Players which kids those great kidders, the Marx Brothers. The Allaben Players have been appearing Saturday nights, among other places, at the Keynote Club, 201 W. 52nd St.

On The Score Board

Get a Load of Spiritual Import

By Lester Rodney

Listen Kid

ED SULLIVAN
DAILY NEWS "HOLLYWOOD COLUMNIST"
HOLLYWOOD, CAL.

THRILLED TO READ IN YOUR COLUMN OF YESTERDAY THAT DOLLARS AND CENTS MEAN NOTHING TO YOU STOP YOUR PROFOUND THESIS THAT THE "SPIRITUAL IMPORT" OF YOUR WORK SHOULD BE THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS HAS STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD IN ME STOP AS OF TODAY YOUR SALARY IS HEREBY WITHDRAWN SO YOU CAN SHOW YOUR READERS IN PRACTICE HOW TO GET ALONG ON SPIRITUAL IMPORT STOP

THE BOSS

Ed Sullivan is an ex-sports writer who does the Hollywood column for the Daily News now. The day after he saw the UCLA-USC football game in which 103,000 fans gave Kenny Washington, UCLA's great Negro ace, an unprecedented standing ovation as he left the field, he wrote about how that proved that there was "no limit to what a boy could achieve, regardless of race or creed if he stayed in there trying."

That was a rather staggering thing to say, as every sports fan in the country, including Sullivan, knows that as Kenny trotted off the college field for the last time he was trotting right into the very definite limit of Jim Crow that will keep him from cashing in on his wonderful talents in professional baseball or football. We pointed that out in an article under the head, "No Limit, Says Sullivan, as Kenny Runs Right Into It."

Now Mr. Sullivan uses that as the text of his New Year's sermon, beginning with "Listen Kids." It's an apt beginning, for who but kids, and the very youngest and most unknowing of kids at that, will be able to read in this day and age with a straight face such amazing, smugly pious nonsense as,

"The Daily Worker is speaking only of material values, 'cashing in on his wonderful talent next year in baseball or football'... I was speaking of the deep spiritual thrill he received, and his family received... certainly, it is an archaic injustice that Kenny won't be permitted to make \$50, or \$100 a game in professional football next year, but that is of relative unimportance in comparison to the spiritual import of his last college game..."

And more from this guy who almost broke his neck scrambling out of the Polo Grounds Press Box to become a male Louella Parsons at an extra \$100 per.

"Success cannot be measured in terms of dollars... There is a vast gap between true success and a bank account... Never confuse the two of them... so on any New Year's Day, in checking up on yourself, don't be too concerned with material values..."

And more such drivel, advising the readers that the main thing is to bring a smile to your mother's face, and to refuse to yell when you're taken a lacing.

I'm not an advocate of violence, and I'd insist it be done gently, but someone should lift Mr. Sullivan by the back of the neck and the seat of the Hollywood pants and transport him to Cleveland. Thrust him through the front door of one of the homes where a whole family is going hungry, and let him explain to the unemployed man and his son: how to bring that smile to the somewhat peaked face of their wife and mother with "spiritual import." Keep him there a few days and feed him a diet of that stuff. And if he starts to yell for a solid meal the fourth hour he's without one, remind him never to yell when you're taking a lacing. Food is a material thing that don't count.

While he's in Cleveland take him over to where Jesse Owens, another great Negro athlete who got a load of "spiritual import" and cheers while racing for the AAU's box office, is trying to keep both ends together after being cut off WPA. Let him explain to Jesse what he's missing by not appreciating the better things in life and making his mother smile every morning. Then he might run over to Chicago, where Jack Johnson, ex-heavyweight world champ, just went down with a critical case of pneumonia while performing with a travelling flea circus to keep alive. Jack will be tickled to no end to have wig-wagged to him through the oxygen tent the inspiring message that it's the "spiritual import" that counts. He might run down to Memphis and explain the same thing to the stricken Georgia Coleman, diving champion who got plenty of cheers in her day and now is pulling through only because enough fans have gotten up dimes and dollar bills to pay for her operation. She too got the spiritual import and the AAU got the cash.

And I'm sure Satchell Paige, the greatest pitcher in the country, according to Joe DiMaggio, Dizzy Dean, Lefty Grove, Gabby Hartnett and most of the other big league players and managers, will be happy to learn that rambling around with semi-pro teams on ham and bean money because the magnates still bar Negro players, comes under the head of "spiritual import," and that there's no limit to what anyone can do regardless of race and color, and that he's been neglecting to make his mother smile every morning.

Yeah, "Listen Kids"! Fortunately, very few of the "kids" listen any more to such silly propaganda for the Morgan-Vanderbilt-Gov. Bricker-Girdler status quo of endless depressions, unemployment and open shop labor for the people and accumulating billions for the few. Or there would be no great progressive trade union movement in this country. Sullivan has something in that mother's spittle idea. But he's a little off on how to go about it. I think, for instance, a worker in let's say a Pennsylvania mining town has found that his mother smiled most broadly the day he came in with the feds that the union had won him a certain minimum wage and security.

Listen, kid. Don't try to pull that phony stunt of making the Communists out to be those without regard for the decent, human things, the things of the spirit. It's the Communists, and all decent and progressive humanity who are going to build a better world, a better America in which the main motive won't have to be the ugly, twisting greed for profits and "getting ahead of the next one," an America that will belong to the people who inhabit it, not to the handful of pirates who try to sell you, "Listen Kid—let's keep things the way they are" stuff to the people.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).
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Kimbrough Runs Wild in Thriller Before 72,000 Fans

A & M's All-American Back Runs 24 Yards for Deciding Score in Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1 (UP).—Jarrin' Johnny Kimbrough—driving, crashing and swinging his 210 pounds of bone and muscle with a savage

to a 14-13 victory over Tulane today before 72,000 fans in the sixth annual Sugar Bowl football game. It was the largest crowd ever to see a sports event in the southland, and they saw one of the greatest demonstrations of fullbacking ever given on any football field. The Aggies' great All-American back crashed the middle, ran the ends, blocked and tackled through 60 minutes of crushing playing like no back ever seen in these parts before.

It was Tulane's only defeat of the season, and the Green Wave put up a valiant battle before succumbing to the Aggies' final touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Kimbrough, who had driven Texas to its first touchdown in the opening period, carried the mail like a demon to bring the Aggies from behind and insure victory with only three minutes to go.

Jarrin' John gained 150 yards, more than half the yardage piled up by the Aggies' running attack, which was made even more deadly by Walderson (Cotton) Price's effective passing. From the opening kickoff, the Aggies meant business. The second time Homer Norton's crew of cowboys got the ball they drove to Tulane's one-yard line, where Kimbrough was stopped and Texas took the ball on downs. It was only a momentary reprieve, as Stan Nyhan punted out of bounds on the Aggie 32 and the Texans drove straight back to a touchdown.

It was the brilliant Kellogg, however, who gave the huge thrust through its big thriller. Late in the third period he took one of Deane Moser's punts on his 36, shook loose from two tacklers, sidestepped another, and then began a 70-yard race down the sideline, behind perfect interference. Tulane blockers had swept the last would-be Aggie tackler out of the way by the time the high-stepping jitterbug reached the 25-yard line, and he crossed the final white stripes in a scamper. Smith received Tulane's kickoff and came back to the 32, and the Aggies started a 68-yard victory march.

Price, who completed eight out of the 14 passes he attempted, clicked a short one to Smith. Before he took two steps, Smith lateraled to Kimbrough. Kimbrough gave the first Greenlee a savage shoulder butt that knocked him out of the sideline bounds. He stiff-armed another, and lifting his knees almost to his chin, jumped out of the arms of the third and last one in the path of a 26-yard drive across the goal line. Right half Tommy Thompson's kick gave the Aggies the deciding point.

That was the ball game.
SCORE BY PERIODS
Tulane 0 0 0 0—0
A & M 7 7 0 0—14
Touchdowns: Kimbrough (2), Kellogg, Butler. Point: after touchdowns: Price, Thibault, Thompson.

Hot Stove Baseball

Dodger grid star Ace Parker may be in major league baseball next year... Ace, who is rated a pretty good outfielder, has been called to the Pittsburgh Pirate spring camp by Manager Frankie Frisch... Ace was up with the A's two years ago but couldn't make the grade... bet Ace has a good throwing arm...

Philly paper is running a contest for best suggestions on "What Can Be Done to Give Philadelphia Winning Teams?"... and if you remember how well the petitions against baseball Jim Crow went over in Philly last summer, you'll know what answer many of the fans are giving...

Bobby Feller is being screened out in Hollywood... may do some horse operas... he'll use that million-dollar arm to put one over on the villains...

LOOKING FOR A LOUIS FIGHT



VALENTINE CAMPOLO, 27-year-old Argentine heavyweight, is shown with Manager Jimmy Johnston, who's trying to get the new fistic arrival a match with Joe Louis after the Godey fight.

Butler's Crack '5' Here To Test LIU Tomorrow

Veterans Back from Last Year's Champs—Syracuse to Test Undefeated N. Y. U. in Other Game

Butler University, Indiana Collegiate Conference basketball champions, arrive in New York late 'this afternoon for its intercollegiate clash with Long Island University at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Coach Andreas of Syracuse has taken full advantage of the Christmas recess period by drilling the varsity twice daily. Syracuseans view the high-scoring N. Y. U. team as a big hurdle at this stage of the campaign, although firmly believing that the current cagers will be rugged opposition, and pointing out that the Orange has won 5 of the 7 games in the N. Y. U. series to date.

Four seniors, nine juniors and one sophomore comprise the traveling squad of the Bulldogs, who met the University of Illinois in Indianapolis last night and entrained immediately after the game to be sure of a New York practice session tonight. Among those arriving tonight will be two members of Indiana state championship teams—Loren Joseph with Frankfort in 1938, and Charles Atkinson with Anderson in 1937—and Bob Dietz, leading scorer and the outstanding amateur player in the state in 1936.

Butler, winner of their last nine games last year, including conquest of Notre Dame, DePaul and Michigan State, and three out of four games this year, will hold a regular scrimmage practice tonight to shake off the effects of the 800-mile railroad trip, and then hold a light drill on the Garden floor tomorrow.

SIMON REPLACES SCHWARTZ
Long Island University and New York University, which meets Syracuse in the other game on tomorrow night's double-header, will hold their final workouts in their home gymnasium. Coach Blair Bee of the Blackbirds will use Lou Simon, sophomore scoring ace, in the final drill today, benching Sol Schwartz, whose Garden performance to date have been under par. This move gives L. I. U. more speed and scoring punch against the fast-breaking, high-scoring Butler team.

At New York University it was revealed by William Raclet, director of the University Heights intramural program who has chartered the undefeated Vilets in his five games, that the high-gear, smooth-working Cannons have been successful on 37 per cent of their field goal attempts to date, far above the average.

The addition of the sophomore ace, Ralph Kaplowitz, to the combination of Bobby Lewis, Red Stevens, Irving Dubinsky and Ben Auerbach, has meant a 9 per cent increase in efficiency over last year.

Hot Stove Baseball

out most of the season with a broken leg that you're sure to hear plenty from next year is Eddie Miller, sensational kid shortstop of the Boston Bees... Eddie has already joined the baseball crowd in Florida...

More power to you, Joe! Yours truly, C. BARTEL, Wilmington, Del.

Surprise Entry

Sports Editor, Daily Worker: Without the aid of blaring trumpets or a cheering crowd, I give you the outstanding athlete of the year, Davey O'Brien. Acclaimed as the unanimous choice for all-American honors last year, Davey entered the pro ranks with a grace, build-up to live up to. However, there were many skeptics. Davey was great in college yet admitted, but pro football is no place for a man of his size. Besides, being on the lowly Philadelphia Eagles wouldn't help him any. But Davey fooled them all. Game after game, he amazed all with his pass-

TOMORROW:

Dave Farrell's
Angles from the
Coast on the
Rose Bowl Game

Schindler Stars for Power Laden Trojans In Rose Bowl Game

Crashes Over for Touchdown in Second Quarter, Passes to Krueger in Fourth

ROSE BOWL, Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1 (UP).—Winner and still Rose Bowl champion—Southern California.

Rolling against the vaunted Tennessee defense with the regularity and power of the waves that wash in from the nearby Pacific, the Trojans inundated the men from the South to win this 26th intercollegiate football classic by a score of 14 to 0.

The Trojans out-powered the hitherto undefeated Vols of Tennessee, on a rain-soaked field before 92,000 howling fans.

The Trojans scored late in the second and fourth periods. Both touchdowns were set up by Ambrose Schindler, unsung reserve quarterback. Schindler carried the ball over from the two-yard line for the first score and flipped a pass to Al Krueger, end, for the last tally. Both conversions were good.

Clemson 6
Boston 3

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 1 (UP).—Mighty little Clemson of South Carolina halted two furious fourth period drives by Boston College today and carried on to victory over the rugged New Englanders in the fourth annual Cotton Bowl football classic, 6 to 3.

SCORE BY PERIODS
Clemson 0 0 0 6—6
Boston College 0 3 0 3—3
Touchdown: Timmons. Field goal: Lukachik.

Catholic, Arizona Tie
EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 1 (UP).—Catholic University and Arizona State College threw up concrete defenses today as they battled to a scoreless tie in the fifth annual Sun Bowl football game.

Readers Pick Joe, O'Brien Tops

Louis Tops

To the Contest Editor: I have selected Joe Louis as my choice for the outstanding athlete of 1939. The following is my reason why:

In 1939 Joe was called upon four times to defend his heavyweight laurels and like a true champion of the ring he emerged victorious each time proving to the world that he is a fighting champion.

His sportsmanship, his respect for his opponents and his devotion to the boxing game merits him something more than mere acknowledgment as the outstanding athlete of the year. He is a living symbol of oppressed humanity and what they can achieve through conscientious work and determination. He has hit the reactionaries and their fables of white superiority and above all is a credit to his race. Louis is truly the athlete of the year.

More power to you, Joe! Yours truly, C. BARTEL, Wilmington, Del.

More on Kenny

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First, because Kenny's amazing performances during the football season up past topped off a three-year collegiate gridiron career that has rarely been equaled in the annals of sport. On the record alone, U.C.L.A.'s great half back is entitled to front ranking. And secondly, because Kenny Washington's consistently superior brand of football has received the shoddiest treatment imaginable by the press and "bigwigs" of the collegiate and professional game alike.

I didn't really begin to get mad about things until I noticed the way Kenny was carefully ignored in practically every selection of a mythical All-American team.

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ing wizardry. He sealed his greatness by the unparalleled feat of breaking the record for completing the most passes in one game, and then coming back to break his own record next week.

Pro football fans honored Davey by overwhelmingly selecting him on their pro all-star team. And so, without further ado, I give you as the outstanding athlete of 1939, that mighty mite from T. C. U., Davey O'Brien.

Yours for ending of Jim Crow, HAROLD APPLEBAUM.

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for 1939. It was as though one mind had chosen the whole batch of "All" teams.

Then there followed in rapid succession the exclusion of this All-Time Great from the annuals draft of the National Professional League and from the selections to represent the west in the Shrine's East-West game. That's when I really started to froth at the mouth. Of all the damned vicious acts of blatant discrimination and high-handedness, the insults accorded Kenny Washington this year have never been paralleled.

We can best shove these insults down the throats of those responsible for this latest adaptation of Jim Crowism in sport by shouting from the roof-tops:

"Kenny Washington is the outstanding athlete of 1939!"

Very truly yours, BERNIE GERSTNER.

Joe Again

To the Contest Editor: I think the outstanding athlete of 1939 is Joe Louis.

Joe Louis amazed the spectators in his battle with Tony Galento. Tony, a rough and tough slugger who clinched and shoved, did everything to K. O. Louis, but still Joe got in his knockout punch. He also put up a wonderful fight with Bob Pastor and knocked out Roper and Lewis in short time.

Louis is a clean fighter who allows the rules and breaks clinches as soon as possible. I think he'd even beat Jack Dempsey in his fighting days. He proved it all in his last four fights. Joe Louis, Champion of Champions, Number One Athlete of 1939.

Sincerely, WILLIAM WATSON, Andover, Vt.